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## HARRISBURG.

**Liberty to the Press—Married Women's Rights to Property—The Lieutenant Governor Inaugurated—The Ballot for Senator — Wallace Ahead with Votes to Spare—His Election Deemed Certain.**

**Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.**

HARRISBURG, January 19, 1875.

**SENATE.**

The Senate meet at eleven o'clock this morning there being a full audience.

**New Libel Law.**

Mr. ERMENTROUT offered a bill amendatory to the present libel law.

The new bill provides that on the trial or an indictment for writing or publishing an article, the truth of the matter charged as libelous may be given in evidence, and if the jury shall find that the article was written, or published from good motives, or for justifiable ends, or the matter so charged was true, it shall operate to the acquittal of the defendant or defendants.

A bill was also introduced to enable the Sheriff to substitute a new Jury wheel for the old one, when the old became unfit for use.

**Property Rights of Married Women.**

Mr. EUTAN offered a bill to regulate the rights of property under the marriage contract. The bill is said to have been prepared by a member of the Pittsburgh Bar, and makes some sweeping changes in the intestate laws. The first section provides that any contract of marriage, "whether now existing or hereafter to be entered into," shall have no effect upon the rights of property, of either party, without the participation or interference of the other, shall have the right to purchase or sell real estate and every kind of property as fully as if sole and unmarried. The second section requires that conveyances of property from either husband or wife to the other, shall be by deed duly executed, and may be with or without valuable consideration; but where the consideration is not reasonable such deeds shall be void as against creditors of the grantor at the time of the conveyance. Section third provides that upon the death of the husband or wife, whether testate or intestate, the survivor may take one-third of the personal estate of the decedent absolutely and one-third of the real estate for life. When the decedent shall have left no surviving lineal descendants, then the surviving wife or husband shall take one-half of the personal estate absolutely and one-half of the real estate for life.

An act to further secure the rights of married women was agreed to.

The bill allowing the defendants in criminal cases to testify was voted down.

**Pittsburgh School Districts.**

An act was introduced repealing an act to regulate the election of School Directors in sub-Districts in the City of Pittsburgh.

**Erie Harbor.**

The bill for the improvement of the harbor of Erie was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

**Lieut. Governor Latta Inaugurated.**

At the hour of twelve, Lieut Governor John Latta was escorted into the Senate chamber, sworn in by Judge Pearson, and welcomed to the Speaker's chair by Mr. Cutler. He made a speech touching on the Centennial and the rights of labor, and was very bitter on the Louisiana question. He then took his seat as chairman. The Senate then adjourned.

**HOUSE.**

**Municipal Elections.**

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor General transmitting his annual report on Free Banking.

Mr. GRAHAM, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the bill relative to the election of municipal officers, reported the same as committed.

A bill was reported to punish persons buying scrap-iron, brass, etc., from minors and irresponsible persons.

Also one to protect labor and the commercial interests of the Commonwealth.

Adjourned until 3 P. M.

**The Republican Caucus.**

The Republican caucus, to choose a candidate for complimentary votes for Senator, was held in the Library at nine o'clock.

Mr. CUTLER, of Erie, presided, and Messrs. Errett and Smull were the Secretaries.

The usual resolution, pledging support to the caucus nominee, was offered, but was voted down.

The balloting was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:

The first ballot stood thus: Scott, 29; Allison, 27; Brewster, 20; Dimmick, 8; Pollock, 5; Dickey, 6; Collis, 5; Strang, 11; Coleman, 3; Kelly, 2; total, 116.

Necessary to nominate 59.

The second ballot was then taken resulting: Allison, 66; Scott, 27; Brewster, 7; Strang, 10; Dimmick, 6.

Mr. Allison's nomination was then made unanimous and gave universal satisfaction.

**Balloting for Senator.**

The Senate met at 3 P. M. to vote for a U. S. Senator agreeably to the provisions of an act of Congress of the United States, and of an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth.

The Senate proceeded by a *viva voce* vote to name one person for Senator in Congress from the State of Pennsylvania to fill the vacancy, which will occur in that body by the expiration of the term of John Scott on the 4th of March next.

The result was as follows; John Allison received 29 votes; William A. Wallace 18 votes.

Alexander (Republican) was paired with Wallace. Senator Rowland was absent. The Senate then adjourned.

The House met at 3 P. M. and proceeded to ballot for an United States Senator with the following result: William A. Wallace 107 votes; John Allison 88 votes.

The House then adjourned.

The aggregate vote thus stood:

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| Wallace (Dem.) | 125 |
| Allison (Rep.) | 117 |

Democratic majority on joint ballot.... 8

Wallace's friends were quite jubilant over the result, as it was a better showing than they had anticipated. Knight, Republican, Representative from Bucks was absent on account of sickness, but with the absence of Rowland, the ballot was not changed.

The Philadelphia roughs were on hand in large numbers, and were moving around freely.

The joint ballot, to-morrow, will likely ratify this result, but not with such a majority, and Wallace will go hence to Washington.

**Notarial Appointments.**

The Governor to-day made the following appointments of Notaries Public: Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, and Frederick W. Hays, of Oil City. K.

## LEGISLATURES.

### Balloting for United States Senators.

**RHODE ISLAND.**

PROVIDENCE, January 19.—The General Assembly had two ballots to-day for United States Senator, without any result.

**NEW YORK.**

ALBANY, N. Y., January 19.—The vote to-day, in the Legislature, for United States Senator, resulted as follows: Senate—E. D. Morgan, 17; F. Kernan, 13. Assembly—E. D. Morgan, 52; F. Kernan, 71.

**MINNESOTA.**

ST. PAUL, MINN., January 19.—The vote in the Legislature for Senator stood: Senate—A. Ramsey, 18; C. Donnelly, 8; J. Bonnelly, 12; Scattering, 2. House—Ramsey, 42; Donnelly, 41; Davis, 16; Gilman, 3; Scattering, 4.

**TENNESSEE.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., January 19.—The two Houses balloted separately at noon today for United States Senator. In the Senate the vote stood: Johnson, 6; Stephens, 6; Brown, 3; Bate, 4; Savage, 2; Quarles, 2; Ewing, 1; Kennedy, 1. The second and third ballots were the same. In the House no nominations were made, and but one ballot: Johnson, 21; Stephens, 11; Brown, 11; Bate, 11; Quarles, 5; Ewing, 6; Savage, 6; Brownlow, 2; Hawkins, 1. Both Houses adjourned until to-morrow.

**MICHIGAN.**

DETROIT, January 19.—The first Senatorial ballot was taken at 3 P. M. In the Senate: Chandler, 17; McClellan, 1; Chamberlain, 2; A. C. Baldwin, 1; Felch, 1; Lathrop, 3; Christiancy, 2; Barnes, 3; Blair, 1; W. A. Moore, 1. In the House: Chandler, 46; Childs, 4; Bagley, 4; Christiancy, 2. The balance scattering.

**INDIANA.**

INDIANAPOLIS, January 19.—The following is the vote for United States Senator today: Senate—Jas. E. McDonald, 23; Daniel D. Pratt, 18; R. W. Thompson, 7; James Buchan, 4; W. S. Holman, 1. House—McDonald, 53; Pratt, 26; Buchan, 9; Holman, 3; Gen. Tom. Brown, 2; W. W. Perry, 2. Five members were absent. This gives Mr. McDonald a majority of two on joint ballot. The two Houses will meet in joint convention at 12 o'clock to-morrow to compare the vote and comple the election by joint ballot.

**NEBRASKA.**

OMAHA, January 19.—The first ballot for United States Senator to-day resulted: Jno. M. Thayer, 17; E. A. Dundy, 12; A. S. Paddock, 9; O. P. Mason, 5; Scattering 6; necessary to a choice, 27. Adjourned till to-morrow.

## FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.
### (SECOND SESSION.)

### The Legislative Appropriation Bill Discussed in the Senate.

**The House Worrying Over the Pacific Mail Scandal.**

WASHINGTON, January 19, 1875.

**SENATE.**

**Protests Against the Reciprocity Treaty.**

Mr. FERRY (Mich.) presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan protesting against the proposed Canadian reciprocity treaty.

**Reduction in Internal Taxes.**

Mr. WRIGHT, from the Committee on Finance, reported adversely on the Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of the act to reduce internal taxes, approved June 6, 1872, and it was indefinitely postponed.

**Customs and Internal Revenue.**

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the House bill to amend existing customs and internal revenue laws, and for other purposes, made a report, which was read. He said the report was substantially the same as that presented last session, with the exception of the duty on hops, which had been raised to eight cents per pound. The House proposed a duty of ten cents per pound, but the committee agreed upon eight cents. Two sections, relating to tobacco and the sale of bonds, &c., which were the principal subjects of disagreement last year, were now both stricken off.

The report was agreed to.

**Custom House in Louisville.**

Mr. STEVENSON called up the House bill for the protection of the United States custom house in Louisville, reported by the Committee on Appropriations last session.

Mr. MORRILL (Vt.) objected to the present consideration of the bill, and it was referred.

**Legislative Appropriation.**

The Senate resumed consideration of the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation bill, the pending amendment being that of Mr. Boutwell to strike out the first part of the amendment proposed by the committee which provided for the organization of a Bureau of Commerce and Statistics, and it was agreed to—yeas 29, nays 21 —as follows:

*Yeas.*—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Boreman, Boutwell, Cooper, Cragin, Dennis, Edmunds, Fenton, Ferry (Conn.), Frelinghuysen, Gilbert, Goldthwaite, Gordon, Hager, Hamilton (Texas), Hamlin, Hitchcock, Howe, Johnston, McCreery, Merrimon, Morrill (Vt.), Schurz, Scott, Spencer, Sprague, Stevenson and Washburn—29.

*Nays.*—Messrs. Allison, Bogy, Clayton, Davis, Dorsey, Fry (Mich.), Flanagan, Ingalls, Logan, Mitchell, Morrill (Me.), Morton, Oglesby, Patterson, Pratt, Sargent, Tipton, Wadleigh, West, Windom and Wright—21.

The question then being upon the second part of the amendment proposed by the committee to continue the present Bureau of Statistics, Mr. WINDOM opposed its adoption, and said if the country could not have a Bureau of Commerce and Statistics he did not want any statistical bureau. It was an expensive thing, and covered but a very small part of the ground which ought to be covered.

The amendment of the committee was agreed to.

Mr. EDMUNDS moved the following amendment: "And it shall be the duty of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics to gather, collate, and annually report to the Secretary of the Treasury, for transmission to Congress, statistics and facts relating to the commerce with foreign nations and among the several States; the railroad systems of this and other countries; construction and operation of railroads; actual cost of such construction and operation of railroads; actual cost of transporting freights and passengers on railroads and canals, rivers and other navigable waters of the United States; the charges imposed for such transportation of freight and passengers; and tonnage transported." Agreed to.

Mr. MORRILL (Me.) moved an amendment appropriating $20,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses of the bureau, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. THURMAN said the country had plenty of statistics now—statistics as to railroads, labor, and disease from cerebro-spinal meningitis down to itch. He did not see the use of so many figures to be piled up, and never looked at by anybody.

The amendment of Mr. Morrill was agreed to.

Mr. WINDOM moved that the reports of the Statistical Bureau be published quarterly instead of monthly as heretofore. Agreed to.

Mr. SARGENT moved to lay the amendment of the committee as amended by the Senate on the table. Carried.

The question then being on agreeing to the amendment as amended, it was agreed to.

The committee reported in favor of striking out the second section of the bill, which provides that the Circuit Court of the United States in and for the District of Iowa shall be held at the times and places now provided by law for holding the United States District Court in said State, but a Circuit Judge shall not be required to sit in said Court except at DesMoines.

Mr. ALLISON hoped the amendment would not be adopted.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendment of the committee to strike out the section—yeas 20, nays 24.

Pending the discussion on the bill, Mr. CAMERON moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

**Muster Out of Officers.**

Mr. LOGAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, recommended that the Senate non-concur in the amendments of the House to the bill approving the action of the Secretary of War under the act of July 15th, 1870, in relation to the muster out of officers, and that a committee of conference be appointed thereon. Agreed to.

**Memorial for Railroad Aid.**

The Vice President laid before the Senate a memorial of the Legislature of Dakota, asking Congressional aid for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Referred.

After an executive session, adjourned.

**HOUSE.**

**The Pacific Mail Scandal.**

Messrs. STORM, SYPHER and CHITTENDEN denied indignantly the truth of the charges that they had been implicated in the Pacific subsidy scandal.

Mr. DAWES said he had an affidavit from D. E. Chittenden, of New York, that he was the person who received the money. [Laughter.]

Telegrams were also read from D. W. Voorhees, of Indiana, and Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky, protesting against the allegations made against them in connection with a check said to have been traced to him.

The witness, having been asked by the Speaker whether he was prepared to answer the question, replied that he was not, and asked time until to-morrow to determine whether he could rightfully do so without a breach of confidence.

Mr. DAWES offered a resolution declaring the witness in contempt of the House.

Mr. HOUGHTON advocated granting the time asked for by the witness, and moved to postpone further consideration of the matter until to-morrow.

Mr. COBB moved to adjourn, which would have the same effect on witness.

The motion was carried, and the House adjourned.

## SECOND EDITION

### FROM WASHINGTON.

**The Pacific Mail Subsidy.**

**The Committee Investigating Newspaper Men.**

**Improvement of the Outlets of the Mississippi River.**

**Report of the Board of Engineers.**

**Special to Pittsburgh Gazette.**

WASHINGTON, January 19, 1875.

**Investigating Newspaper Men.**

The Ways and Means Committee has been diverted in the past from investigating the Pacific Mail Subsidy to the investigation of newspaper correspondents and editors, particularly those who dare to telegraph or print anything reflecting upon the members of the committee. To-day the committee spent a long time brow-beating and insulting a friendless correspondent of a California paper in a most shameful manner, refusing him even one minute's time to consult with friends before answering a controverted question, a privilege heretofore freely accorded. Yesterday, when Whitelow Reid, editor of the New York *Tribune*, was on the stand, the committee were really obsequious. A. Sidney Hall telegraphs that he knows nothing of the Pacific Mail matter, as stated by Whitelaw Reid in yesterday's testimony. Dan Vorhees telegraphs, clearing himself. Unless the investigating business is kept within bounds, an extra session will be absolutely necessary. Tea, coffee and other tax bills and appropriation bills wait upon investigations.

**Railroad Reports.**

Hon. Wm. S. Williams, of Michigan, has introduced a bill in the House, to compel subsidied railroad companies to file with the Secretary of the Treasury annual reports stating names of stockholders and directors: amount received from the sale of bonds and lands; amount of debt; value of road-bed, rolling stock, stations, buildings, and fixtures; unsold lands, and all other property; length of track; number of miles run by trains; monthly earnings; gross yearly earnings; all expenses incurred; passenger and freight tariffs, what express companies run over the road and on what terms; and many other minor details. In case of neglect or refusal to make the report at the specified time, the company shall forfeit one hundred dollars per day for each day's neglect, and if the corporation unduly refuses or neglects to comply, it shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and such refusal continued six months shall work a forfeiture of all the company's rights and privileges.

The object of this bill is to enforce the law requiring railroads to pay five per cent. of their earnings into the Treasury, towards the liquidation of the indebtedness to the United States Government.

**War with Spain.**

The complications with Spain regarding the Virginius and other affairs seem to be difficult to settle. This condition of affairs is fully understood by both Governments. Spain is concentrating a large force of war vessels in the West Indies, and will reinforce her army in Cuba. Our Government will not send any more vessels of war to foreign stations, and it is intended to keep all iron-clads and other vessels, now stationed in the Gulf, in readiness for immediate service. The forts on the Atlantic coast are being put in order, and large quantities of supplies are being sent to Key West and other easily accessible points on the Gulf coast.

**Educational Meeting.**

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DIAMOND.

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**Whitelaw Reid in the Police Court.**

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**Report on the Outlets of the Mississippi River.**

The Secretary of War sent to the House to-day the report of the Board of Engineers appointed to prepare plans and estimates for deepening one or more of the natural outlets of the Mississippi river, and also for a canal from the river to the Gulf. After a thorough examination of the entire subject, they say there is no doubt a designated point of the South Pass would be best, as it would give an unobstructed water way to the ocean, while this outlet is narrow and obstructed one. If the question of cost and maintenance be considered, there is for the Fort St. Phillip canal the estimated sum of $11,514,200, against $7,942,110 for the pass. While the boards of the opinion that the canal can be built at the estimated cost, they recommend that the South Pass of the Mississippi be improved by a plan which they submit. They further recommend that if Congress decide upon one of the passes of the river, the entire sum necessary to accomplish the work be appropriated at once, or in some way be made available. If the mouth of the river is to be improved by jetties, the work, when begun, should be pushed as rapidly as possible to its entire completion.

**Sundry Civil Appropriations.**

The House Committee on Appropriations to-day agreed to include the following items in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill: For refunding to States their expenses in raising volunteers, $297,000; for the construction and maintenance of military telegraph lines, especially in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, $55,000; for the publication of the official record of the War of the Rebellion, $56,000; for the collection of bounty money and on what terms; and many other minor details. In case of neglect or refusal to make the report at the specified time, the company shall forfeit one hundred dollars per day for each day's neglect, and if the corporation unduly refuses or neglects to comply, it shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and such refusal continued six months shall work a forfeiture of all the company's rights and privileges.

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## LOUISIANA.

**The Report of the Sub-Committee of Congress Endorsed by the Patrons of Husbandry of Louisiana and Mississippi.**

NEW ORLEANS, January 19. — The Patrons of Husbandry of Louisiana and Mississippi have issued an address to the Order throughout the United States, endorsing the report of the sub-committee of Congress. The address concludes as follows: "Believe us, this report, made by gentlemen of the North and intelligent Congressmen of both political parties, tells the truth. We refer it to you, and trust every Patron to whom this appeal may come may give it attentive reading."

**Damages Claimed by an Ejected Legislator.**

J.N. Vaughn, through his attorney, Judge Jno. A. Campbell, has filed a petition in the Sixth District Court, claiming $100,000 damages from Sheridan, Emory, De Trobriand and H. J. Campbell, who, on the 4th of January, did unlawfully, violently and forcibly make an assault on the petitioner and ejected and turned him from the House of Representatives, where he claimed a seat. Interrogatories of the fact are propounded to the defendants.

## CHICAGO.

**A National Bank Closed.**

CHICAGO, January 19.—The Cook County National Bank closed its doors this morning, and a notice posted on the door informs the public that it is owing to the non-receipt of promised and expected aid, and that the shareholders have voted to go into voluntary liquidation under the national currency act. The depositors are assured that their payment in full is only a question of time.

## THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 1 A. M., Jan. 20, 1875.

**Probabilities for To-day.**

For the Middle States and the lower lake region, high, followed by falling barometer, winds shifting to easterly or southerly, partly cloudy weather, and low, followed by rising, temperature.

—At a fire in Brooklyn, on Tuesday night, Mrs. Blood and two sons, who occupied the third floor of the building, jumped from the windows. Mrs. Blood was killed and her two sons fatally injured. The same fire or was occupied by Timothy McCormick, his sons Patrick and John, and daughter Ellen. John escaped, but his father and brother were suffocated, while his sister was fatally injured by jumping from a window.

## NEW YORK.

### The Brooklyn Scandal Trial.

**Cross-examination of Francis D. Moulton.**

**Failure of a Heavy Stock Speculator.**

NEW YORK, January 19, 1875.

**Tilton vs. Beecher.**

Now that the cross-examination of Francis D. Moulton has begun, even greater interest, if possible, seems to be taken in the scandal trial, and from an early hour this morning crowds besieged the entrance to the Brooklyn City Court room. But a few minutes were required in which to pack the open space allotted to the public when once the doors were opened. The counsel were all early in their places. Mr. Moulton and Tilton arrived together, and Mr. Beecher and wife, accompanied by the wife of their son Frederick, entered precisely at eleven o'clock, and as the Court was being formally opened, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Shearman and Mrs. Raymond occupied their accustomed places. When the jurors were called W. H. Davis was missing, and n ear ly ten minutes were wasted awaiting his arrival. As soon as he took his seat the cross-examination of Moulton was continued by ex-Judge Porter.

Witness said: Mr. Beecher was in the habit of visiting me about twice a day during our intimacy, but Tilton was often in my house; Tilton and I went frequently on fishing excursions together and visited watering places; I visited Naragansett with him in the summers of '68 and '69; we did not go West together nor visit Washington together; I was in sympathy with Tilton in the woman's rights movement, and visited Newport to attend the meeting with him; I acted as counsel for Tilton in his dealings with Mr. Bowen; the contract between Tilton and Bowen was settled for $7,000; from June, 1871, to May, 1873, I received various sums from Beecher, in all about $6,000 or $7,000; I think I have met Mrs. Beecher three or four times; never visited her; my acquaintance with her was slight; I have met Mrs. Bowen several times; we were not unfriendly in our relations; I visited Mrs. Hooker once in Richmond in March, 1871, while I was acting as the mutual friend of these parties. Mr. Beecher sometimes acted on my advice, and Mr. Tilton sometimes acted against it; I did not hear of the biography of Victoria Woodhull from Mr. Tilton before it appeared, and did not approve of it.

Counsel read a letter from Mr. Tilton, written to a complaining friend, and witness said: It was deposited with me by Mr. Tilton. I knew Mrs. Woodhull, met her first in the spring of 1871. I met her first at her house in New York; the next meeting was at Theodore Tilton's house shortly after April, '71; I could fix the time of meeting her by cards published in the *World*; it was shortly after the card was published; before that interview I never saw her; the second interview was a day or two after the first; I had a conversation with her in Theodore Tilton's presence; I saw her after that from time to time, the last time in the spring of '72, think it was in her house on Sixteenth street; when I met her Theodore Tilton was with me, and demanded Mrs. Tilton's letter under pain of instant death; remember now I did read that portion of Mrs. W.'s statement with regard to the pistol scene. Beecher asked me if I remembered that part of the scene with the pistol referred to in the statement. I told him I did not, and he answered that neither did he. I had no conversation with Tilton about Beecher presiding at a lecture to be delivered by Mrs. Woodhull; never told Tilton her letter to Beecher came at my request; think I was at Tilton's on two occasions when Mrs. W. was there; never found Tilton at her house when he did not come with me, and generally left with me. I disapproved of the Bacon letter, and was against it being made public; advised against Tilton's second statement, the one called "The sworn statement;" do not know how Mrs. W. got the pistol story, but know the affair never occurred; reported what occurred at Beecher's on that occasion to Tilton; considered Beecher for obtaining the retraction of Mrs. Tilton's; do not remember ever advising Beecher not to see Tilton, nor communicate with him through me; advised silence on the part of Beecher in relation to the Woodhull publication. Although I never read it, I had full knowledge of its contents, obtained from people who had read it, only read all that portion prejudicial to Beecher and relating to myself; none of the changes in the card published by Beecher in the Brooklyn *Eagle* in 1873 were made by me. There were made by Kinsella, the editor.

Counsel read a letter which stamps the stories against Beecher as false.

I do not know why these changes were made, but they were all the work of Kinsella; told Beecher I thought it was a mistake to call an investigating committee. In accordance with the view of my legal adviser, General Butler, I refused to let Beecher have copies of letters and documents in my hands. General Butler was my friend and adviser, but he was never paid a fee by me or my firm. He never was counsel for us against the Custom House, but he was counsel for Jayne, special agent of the Treasury Department. His advice began to operate when this controversy began. We had a controversy with the Government at that time, but he was not instrumental in arranging the matter, Jayne and I never conferred about Beecher's affairs. We conversed about them. Counsel who were paid fees for counsel who were engaged by Tilton, but I never contributed to the extent of the publications made from time to time. Never paid anything or promised anything.

Counsel here sought to show witness had lent money, also was retained under civil suits for statements made by him, but these, the Court ruled, could not be brought in as evidence.

Mr. Evarts argued that witness was an interested party, as he was implicated in all these suits, and they wanted to show that the witness was hostile to the defendant.

The Court assumed that the witness had already shown they were hostile when he refused to be friendly relations, under certain date, and ruled all these statements offered and suits growing out of them not admissible.

Counsel then offered each separately, and they were in turn ruled out, and an exception taken to each ruling.

A recess was then taken.

After the recess Moulton resumed his place on the witness stand. Witness continued: The reply to Beecher's letter for documents was written in my study, August 8th. I do not remember who wrote the letter, but I signed it.

The letter was produced and handed to witness, who read it carefully through. The witness identified it as one written by him.

Mr. Beach objected to the introduction of this letter as evidence, who quoted a long extract from legal authority in support of his objection. Mr. Beach said he would respect to it or any part of it which would lead to the introduction of Beecher's letter.

Counsel then read a letter declaring that his reason for holding the papers was to prevent one party from injuriously using the documents against him, and also that Tilton had been refused access to these papers. Whatever rumors said, the letters came through the newspapers, never came through me.

The letter of August 4th, written by Beecher to Moulton, asking for the papers and documents in his possession, was also read, stating that they had been placed in his custody for safe keeping, and that he (Beecher) did not ask for them as a means whereby he might hurt Tilton.

Ex-Judge Porter, holding up a paper, asked the witness if that was a correct transcript of the account of his firm with Theodore Tilton?

The witness stated that it was a correct copy of the whole transactions of Tilton with his firm. The total debits in the account were $12,981, the credits total being the same amount. The witness said this was a correct statement so far as he knew.

The account was offered in evidence by ex-Judge Porter. The statement of moneys received from Henry Ward Beecher and paid out by witness was then offered in evidence and read. It appeared from 1871 to 1874 he had paid out to Mrs. Tilton, to Theodore Tilton, to Rev. A. M. Wade and Rev. E. C. Beattie, sums ranging from $25 to $10, which latter was given to Tilton in in 1873, the total being $6,078.

Witness continued: These items were taken from my account in the ledger. There were some currency sums which I received from Beecher, which I almost immediately paid out. I think this happened on two occasions, and of them I took no memorandum. I will produce my ledger in Court to-morrow. There never was at any time an account between my firm and Mr. Beecher, and only appeared on the firm's books when deposited there by me personally. At one of these times I think I took no memorandum of which the amount was $3,000, and probably on other occasions it might have been $500, as I think it was a larger sum on the last occasion. The $5,000 received from Beecher did not enter into this account. On one occasion Tilton deposited $4,800 in checks with my firm. I contributed $1,500 to the *Golden Age* and subscribed $3,000. I do not remember what time I paid this contribution, but think it was in the Spring of 1871. I paid it in cash. Lent Tilton $3,000, which is not all repaid. Tilton generally came to the firm when he wanted to draw money. On December 27, 1870, I saw Tilton, when he said he was going to see Bowen, and ask him for his proofs of Beecher's guilt. He never consulted me then about his relations with Bowen, or about his probable dismission. I do not remember if the thing was proposed by me to be done. The next interview that I remember with him was on December 30th. There never was any conversation between us at either of these interviews as to procuring a statement from Bowen. At these interviews Tilton said he had no doubt the charges preferred by Bowen against Beecher were true. Tilton, prior to this, had said that Beecher preached to his mistresses in Plymouth church. This was in the latter part of 1870. Tilton did not give any of the names of these mistresses. I did not believe this statement. My wife at that time attended the church, and she ceased to attend shortly after the facts of the case became known to her. Her name is still on the rolls of the church. We had a pew up to 1872, which I paid for. I never had been a regular attendant at Plymouth church; was there last on the evening of the report of the committee. I do not remember when I last attended divine worship there. Robinson, my wife's uncle, attended church.

At this point the Court adjourned for the day.

**The Louisiana Question.**

A meeting of the Union League Club was held last evening to take action in regard to the Louisiana question. There was a great deal of spirited discussion, but no result was reached, other than the laying of the whole matter on the table.

At a meeting of the Republican Central Committee to-night, resolutions were adopted sustaining throughout the acts of President Grant in the Louisiana matter, and setting forth that even if what was done was illegal, it was done without the knowledge of the President and with a sincere desire on the part of the officers of the Government to perform simply their duty.

**Failure of a Broker.**

The *Times* says that A. A. Selover is the name of the broker whose failure was reported yesterday. He was a former partner of Rufus Hatch, and was one of the heaviest stock speculators in Wall street. It is estimated he was "long" of 40,000 shares at from seventy-nine to eighty-two. Mr. Selover offered to compromise for twenty-five per cent. of his liabilities—estimated at $750,000—but without avail.

## FROM EUROPE.

**GERMANY.**

**Vacant Dioceses.**

LONDON, January 19.—A correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that the Prussian Bishops have been asked by the Vatican whether any means exist for filling the vacant dioceses in Prussia without infringing on canonical or Prussian laws. It is supposed this inquiry is made because of a large number of vacant livings, which the Church is unable under present circumstances to fill, and consequently the decrease of the students of the theological seminaries.

**SPAIN.**

**Zaranz to be Punished.**

MADRID, January 19.—The commander of the Spanish squadron before Zaranz has been instructed to inflict severe punishment on that town.

## HELPING THE POOR.

**The Crusaders at Work—What They are Doing.**

The destitution which exists among a large number of families at the "Point," in this city, is said to be almost indescribable, and efforts are being put forth to alleviate the suffering of those who are worthy, as far as possible. In some instances families are without any one to provide for them, and are left to depend upon the charities of the public. In visiting this place yesterday, it was learned that those who are suffering the most have husbands or sons, who have either deserted them or are in the Work House. Many such cases are really deserving of support, not being able to provide against starvation, which is staring some of them in the face.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union have come to the rescue of some and are making every effort to help those who are in the most pitiable condition. On last Sabbath a committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Tutell, Mrs. Gormly, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Jope and Miss Porter, who were instructed to visit the needy and call upon the business men of the city for the purpose of soliciting for the sufferers. At the time of their appointment the ladies seemed almost unwilling to undertake to ask for supplies and money, as they said they were afraid they would meet with limited success, but they have been happily surprised by making the effort. Yesterday the members of the committee called upon a few business firms and the following results: Mr. Mercer, of Allegheny, contributed groceries; Mr. Horn, of this city, dry goods; Messrs. Wolf & McKaig, shoes; Messrs. Morgan, Stark & Co., socks and stockings; Messrs. White, Orr & Co., dry goods. Besides the above donations which were distributed, Mr. Rinehart, the tobacconist, was in the needy district yesterday with a wagon load of provisions, which he dealt out freely to the hungry. The work in this direction has only been begun, and the committee who have the matter in charge expect to make a vigorous effort to afford relief as far as lies in their power.

To this end they solicit aid from any one who may desire to give, and especially call for second hand clothing and provisions, which may be left at the Allianee rooms, corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street. Another visit will be made to-day by the "good samaritans" to the same families called upon yesterday, with better results as donations came in quite rapidly yesterday afternoon, and the matter of furnishing clothing to those only half clad will receive attention. The gratitude of the recipients of these favors is said to be almost indescribable, and we are glad to know that the matter is now assuming a shape that will be successful and will be the means of aiding those who are in destitute circumstances.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**Pittsburgh Opera House.**

Last night Baker and Farron gave a repetition of the play "Chris and Lena" to a large house. This entertainment promises to be exceedingly popular, as is evidenced by the interest manifested by appreciative audiences. The comic part of the performance was exceedingly well received, especially the Dutch and Irish songs and dances. The leading characters promise to become general favorites among lovers of "real fun" during their engagement. To-night they will make their third appearance, each assuming his respective character, in the same play.

**The "Germania" Concert.**

The Concert by the Germania Orchestra on Friday afternoon will be one of the best that has yet been given. The programme has been selected with great care, and comprises a rich variety of pieces. Every musical taste can thus be gratified—"from gay to grave, from lively to severe,"—and the entertainment will be one of the richest of the season.

**James T. Fields.**

The next lecture of the Library Course will be by Mr. James T. Fields, the noted author and publisher, who will discourse on "Fiction, and its Eminent Authors." Mr. Fields has had a personal acquaintance with many of the persons of whom he will talk, and is besides one of the most cultured men of the age. His lecture therefore, whether taken as a series of personal sketches, or in a literary point of view, cannot but be interesting to all who take a pleasure in learning something of the individuality of the men who have wielded the scepter in the realms of literature. This will be a rare opportunity, and those who fail to hear Mr. Fields, will have cause to regret it.

## A BROKEN RAIL.

**A Locomotive Thrown From the Track and Three Men Injured.**

Last evening, about five o'clock a broken rail caused a locomotive and tender to jump the track on the Pittsburgh & Cleveland Railroad, near Strawberry Lane, Ninth ward, Allegheny. They broke from the train and went over an embankment ten feet high. As they were going down, the engineer, Mark Adams, and fireman Thomas Kegan, and the fireman of engine No. 23 of the same road, named Frank Leslie, who was on this engine, either all jumped or were thrown out of the cab.

The engineer, Mark Adams, sustained a fracture of the collar bone and two ribs. Kegan, the fireman, received a compound fracture of his left leg, and was, it is believed, injured internally. Frank Leslie, the other fireman, received a severe wound on the back of his head. Kegan was injured the most seriously, and he was sent to the West Penn Hospital. Ex-Buchanan, who attended the injured men. The engine and tender were slightly damaged.

## FIRE LAST NIGHT.

**Loss Estimated at Abont $2,000.**

At ten minutes past 10 o'clock last evening an alarm of fire was struck from box 24, corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street. It was occasioned by fire being discovered in the second story a house, No. 82 

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GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 112¼.

THANKS to Senator Geo. H. Anderson for copies of the *Legislative Record*.

THERE seems to be a strong probability that Senator Carpenter, of Wisconsin, will be displaced by Hon. C. C. Washburn. The contest is very heated, and the probabilities very closely balanced.

GOVERNOR BEDLE, of New Jersey, was inaugurated Governor yesterday, and delivered his inaugural address. From the little that we have received, we judge it to be a temperate utterance. He thinks the Government should have aided the South by moral rather than military means, in rehabilitating.

WHITELAW REID is likely to have occasion to realize he must meet the responsibility, when he utters severe things of one or another of public men. As soon as he was through with his Pacific Mail examination, he was arrested on a charge of slander Of the merits of the case we do not speak, but as a lesson touching responsibility for his utterances, it is valuable.

THE *Post* declines to answer us whether it supported, or now supports Pierce's dispersion of the Topeka Legislature. It asked us a question,—and we must answer first. Let us say then, that we do not and never did endorse that act, and further, it has no parallel with what was done in Louisiana. Now we will be glad to have the *Post* face the music. Did it at the time, or does it now, approve of Pierce's course in dispersing the Kansas Legislature?

THE omission of parts of certain reports from our columns, made necessary to get to press in time, is used by one or two papers, too feeble-minded to use legitimate argument, as a point in discussing Louisiana affairs. We base our views on a clear understanding of all the facts, and did so in this case. We do not usually fear all the facts, and did not omit them for such reason,—nor indeed have we omitted material facts at all. It takes a very small mind to pervert truth for argument's sake.

THE Senatorial struggle, which closes to-day, has been a severe test to the virtue of the Democracy. While it is generally conceded that Republicans have not offered to purchase votes, it is quite sure that certain Democrats have. It is difficult clearly to comprehend the motive that inspires this fierce struggle, that so far extends beyond usual party struggles. There is evidently at the back of it a deep personal feeling,—the bitter hatred of Buckalew toward Wallace being one phase of the affair. To-day, however, will close the struggle in all probability, and end the matter entirely.

WHATEVER may be the outcome of the Tilton-Beecher trial, as regards the verdict, it is now quite clear that all the evidence thought to be necessary will be put in. The mutual friend, Moulton is used for putting in the volume of correspondence, which Beecher so foolishly wrote. Much of it, with Moulton's statements attached, is made to wear a dark look, but we cannot think that it will, when all the evidence is in, appear differently from what it did when originally made. So far, no new facts have been developed, and the case drags its slow length along, the sparrings of the lawyers doing much to extend the conflict.

THE nomination of Francis Kernan as the Democratic candidate for United States Senator in New York gives great comfort to the Simon-pure Democracy. He is a man of the old-fashioned Democratic kind, and a graduate of the Tammany school. He represented New York once before in Congress as a member of the House, and distinguished himself there, after a way, through an attempt to cripple the financial resources of the Government in the prosecution of the war by making the bonds of the United States liable to State and municipal taxation. He will be reliable on all questions that look to the interest of the old rebel school, and may help to bring forward questions that will exceedingly trouble the country.

THE jetty system of improvement of the Mississippi river having been recommended by a majority of the engineers appointed to investigate the subject, it is proposed to urge the subject on the attention of Congress very vigorously. Among the arrangements to be used is the importance of doing this work as a means of pacifying the South. We suggest that this is a very good reason why the appropriation for the work should not be made. If the South can secure several millions of money, to be used within her limits in the form of improvements, by merely developing a vast deal of trouble, we can be sure that it will always be ready to shoot a few persons, and create a general row. Keep the money back till it shows good behavior.

MOST of the journals that were so full of howling over the Louisiana affair, a short time since, have changed front, while the friends of right are growing positive and outspoken. A distinguished Democratic lawyer, of New York, has published an elaborate argument showing conclusively that the action of the military authorities was strictly constitutional; so conclusively indeed that the *World*, of that city, tries in vain to overthrow it. From having been positive that the President was entirely wrong, the Boston *Advertiser* is in doubt as to whether he is not in fact exactly right. Wendell Phillips declared at the Faneuil Hall meeting that the President and General De Trobriand complied with every requisition of the Constitution and the law. Thus it stands.

IT seems entirely probable that Congress will adopt the bill giving to Louisiana a new election without any possability of Federal interference, by means of troops. We predict that it will again open the floodgates of violence and fraud, but it will also free the country of the question whether one or another of certain men were elected, and leave it to the people of that State. That a satisfactory solution of impending troubles in that State should be reached, in some way, we are fully convinced. We are less hopeful than are many that the proposed election will furnish the solution desired. If, however, the report of the committee now on its way to New Orleans should indicate this as the best method of solving existing difficulties, we certainly will accede, and hope for the best. What is really needed in Louisiana is respect for law and order.

THE New York press are discussing one phase of criminal preventive, the importance of which is illustrated by a striking example. Eighty-five years ago, a neglected girl was allowed to beg through the villages and towns along the Hudson, and gradually to drift into crime. The slightest effort would have provided a home for her, in which she might have received a proper moral training. As it was no one cared for her, and she naturally fell into crime. All her descendants are criminals, and these now number six hundred and twenty-three. The total cost, in the county, thus far, of that family, is $100,000, or more. Thus one ounce of prevention would have saved many pounds of cure. We have in this, an important lesson,—that the employment of proper means, at the right time, will avoid large evils, and that crime particularly should be repressed in its incipiency.

ALREADY there is discussion developed in the interest of certain places for the location of the Mint the President has suggested the establishment of. Puebla, in Colorado, is very urgently recommended. It is claimed that this place would be a centre for all the Utah mines, which can reach it very directly by the proposed road down the Arkansas, and for all the rich mining region of Georgetown, Central City, and generally to the North. More than this, it is the nearest town accessible to the great San Juan country, whose fabulous stores of precious metals are just becoming known. It is also the natural centre for the Saguache and San Luis districts. More wonderful yet, in an economic view, Puebla lying in the low, warm valley of the Arkansas, nearly all these districts could send their ores to it down grade, and the mild temperature would prevent the probability either of work being stopped during the winter or of transportation being blockaded.

THE person selected by the Missouri Democrats to represent them in the United States Senate, Francis M. Cockerell, is said to have but a single claim to the office, —he served as a General in the rebel army. His nomination is therefore accepted as a concession to that element. He has no special ability, and has rendered no distinguished civil service. Even the dispatch to the Democratic Chicago *Times* about his nomination says that "He was put forward solely upon his private and military record by the Confederate element." During the war he commanded one of the Missouri Divisions of the Rebel Army of the Tennessee, and, since the war he has been practicing law in an obscure country town of Missouri called Warrensburg. He was unheard of in connection with public service until the Democrats tried to nominate him for Governor at the last election. Failing in that, they now propose to send him to the United States Senate. Yet with this movement, flaunting in the face of the country the fact that the Democracy regard service in the Rebel army as a good reason for reward, they ask the country to think they have no sympathy with rebellion.

IF it is imagined that violence, murder and corruption are only of recent occurrence at New Orleans, we have only to refer to the facts of history to prove the contrary. In 1856, Governor Herbert's official relations with the State of Louisiana terminated. Says Gayorre's history of that State, "In his valedictory message he referred with deep mortification to the scenes of intimidation, violence and bloodshed, which had marked the late general elections in New Orleans. He said that the repetition of such outrages would tarnish our character, and sink us to the level of the anarchial governments of Spanish America; that before the occurrence of those "great public crimes," the hideous deformity of which he could not describe, and which were committed with impunity in midday light, and in the presence of hundreds of persons, no one could have admitted even the possibility that a bloodthirsty mob could have contemplated to over-awe any portion of the people of this State in the exercise of their most valuable rights, "but that what would then have been denied even as a possibility is now an historical fact." So Governor Wickliffe, in 1857, spoke of the two last elections as having been in the hands of organized ruffians, who prevented honest electors from approaching the polls. The seeds of violence and murder at elections ante-date the rebellion. And yet the effort is made to credit it all to radical rule!

## *THINGS SENATORIAL.*

The preliminary votes, in separate legislative Houses, for United States Senators, were cast yesterday. Were these votes finally indicative of the result to be reached, it will be as follows: In this State, William A. Wallace, Democrat, will be elected. In New York, Francis Kernan; in Missouri, Francis M. Cockerell; in Rhode Island, General Burnside is thought to be the coming man, although no result is yet reached. The preliminary votes in separate Houses are to be followed by joint ballot, but the result, in most cases, will be the same as the separate votes indicate. The only State in which there is doubt is this; and this doubt can only be reached by the final ballot.

If the vote yesterday can be accepted as conclusive, Mr. Wallace will have eight majority on joint ballot, but the vote is ten below the full voting strength of the Legislature. Just how this deficiency is distributed is the interesting point. That a portion of this vote is Republican is very clearly evidenced by the totals shown. Yet Wallace has a total of one hundred and twenty-five votes, which are apparently enough to secure his election. We cannot presume that he will receive less than the number already cast, and these, we judge, will certainly elect him. This being the case, it only remains to say, that while unswerving in his party allegiance, he is a man of good ability, of general correctness of moral principle, and, in our belief, the most worthy Democrat whose name has offered.

We are much gratified that Hon. John Allison has received the compliment of the Republican nomination. Our only regret is that he could not be elected. We have no person in the State of higher or purer character, and his ability is such that he would have reflected great credit on himself and State, had he been elected to the United States Senate. Thus he would have been all that could be desired; and we yet hope he may be called to fill a position of honor and usefulness in the service of the State. Our representatives at Harrisburg honored themselves in the selection made of his name as their candidate for United States Senator.

We have the gratification of believing that the Republican party has come out of this struggle, in which so many temptations are to be found, pure and free from the slightest reproach. It withheld its hand from the Democracy, leaving it to them to manipulate their own affairs, while it put forward as its candidate one of its purest names and quietly gave him the vote of the party. In the canvass soon to develop before the people in the State, this fact can be largely used, and made effective. We have no occasion for grief over the result. We believe in the doctrine that when a party has legitimately the right to an election, it is wise policy to have them enjoy the privilege undisturbed. Thus we have at no time counseled interference with the Democrats, and have only sought to have a good Republican name nominated and voted for. This has been done, and we are content.

## *POLITICAL NOTES.*

IT is whispered in Indiana that it was a promise of the Democratic nomination for Governor instead of the "integrity of the party," which induced Mr. Voorhees to withdraw from the Senatorial field and leave Mr. McDonald's path virtually unobstructed.

SENATOR CARPENTER and Governor Washburn have been invited to address the members of the Wisconsin Legislature on the condition of affairs in the South. Mr. Carpenter has accepted. Governor Washburn's intentions are not known. This evening is the time selected for the address.

GOVERNOR BEDLE, of New Jersey, was inaugurated on Tuesday. In his address he says: "There has been too much interference by the United States military and Federal Marshals in the work of restoration, and too little moral support by the National Government for the South, of herself, to rehabitate.

THE following United States Senators have been thus far chosen for the terms beginning the 4th of March next: California, Newton Booth, Republican; Connecticut, William W. Eaton, Democrat; Maryland, William P. Whyte, Democrat; Ohio, A. G. Thurman, Democrat; Virginia has elected her Lieutenant-Governor, Gen. Withers, a Democrat. The others will be chosen before the 4th of March next.

THE Republicans of New Hampshire have almost insured victory by the nomination for Governor of the Hon. Person C. Cheney. All parties agree that it is the best nomination that could have been made. It was accomplished without effort or solicitation on his part. He is a gentleman of fine personal appearance, of superior intelligence, of great personal popularity, and a business career of a quarter of a century has given him an enviable reputation for integrity and nobility of character.

## *PERSONAL.*

CASTELAR refuses to swear allegiance to the Spanish monarchy.

MISS ALICE VICKERY is reported to be the first and only registered pharmaceutist in England.

THE Peoria *Democrat* predicts that the Rev. George Leeds, of Baltimore, will be the next Bishop of Illinois.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY, Donn Piatt, Leslie Combs and Santa Anna are the oldest inhabitants of this country.—*Cincinnati Commercial*.

MR. SUMNER's pictures, which were recently sold at Boston, did not bring so much as it was expected they would. About $5,000 was realized from the sale.

KALAKAUA has written a poem. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who has the manuscript, says it is full of originality—as full, probably, as our own poet laureate J. McKee.

SINCE Private Dalzell insists upon living at large, a number of philanthropists are going to start a paper to be filled up jointly by him, George Francis Train, and Eli Perkins—circulation limited to three.

SENATOR JONES is pronounced the most unspoiled millionaire in the United States. Some one writes that the vitality which can endure everything and achieve everything sticks out of his whole physical being.

IT is stated that some time ago Tweed made a proposition to hand over $3,000,000 of his ill-gotten gains to the city of New York to stop legal proceedings against him; but of late his lawyers have fleeced him extensively, and his present ability to buy his way out of prison is questioned.

PROFESSOR WEISS will discuss the subject of "Marriage" in the February number of *Old and New*. Judging from the Professor's peculiar views of matters and things, an interesting, not to say "spicy," paper may be expected. One of the Professor's beliefs is that divorce should be much easier than it now is, could such a thing be possible.

LADY DUDLEY, whose jewels, estimated at $250,000 in value, were recently stolen at a railway station, is a sister of Lady Mordaunt, defendant in a famous divorce case. Lord Dudley was made an earl by the whigs for satisfactory votes. His income averages $1,500,000; but last year, owing to the great increase in the price of coal, was $5,000,000.

RIX ROBINSON, who settled in the Grand River Valley in 1815 and married an Indian maiden, has just died at Grand Rapids. He was President of the Settlers' Society. Two other pioneers of the West are also gone to their long homes—Daniel Cosgrove, the first settler of La Salle, Ill., and Richard G. Murphy, one of the early settlers of Minnesota.

THE Chicago *Tribune* denies the statement that Bishop Wilmer, of Louisiana, during the rebellion, refused to permit President Lincoln to be prayed for in the churches of his diocese, but introduced prayers for Jeff. Davis instead. The *Tribune* is right. It was Bishop Wilmer of Alabama who substituted the rebel President for Mr. Lincoln. The present Bishop of Louisiana was not consecrated until 1866.

A SINGULAR old gentleman, Attwood by name, died recently near Cheshunt, England. He was about 80 years of age, and a bachelor. His favorite pastime had been the giving away of anonymous checks of $5,000 each. His books show that he has given away $1,750,000 in that way; $225,000 during the last year of his life. He left more than a million pounds sterling, but no will. A $5,000 note was found lying in his room like a bit of waste paper.

## *ITEMS OF INTEREST.*

LENT is at hand and the women of fashion are already scolding about it.

AN irreverent Pacific ribald alludes to Massachusetts spinsters as "matchless maids."

THE German universities had in 1874 1,700 professors and teachers and 16,000 students.

THE possible form of the new Spring bonnet begins to be a subject of interest in feminine circles.

A CALIFORNIA man advertises for a wife, beauty no object, but wants her friends to deposit $1,500 with him as security for her good behavior.

A KENTUCKY paper suggests that a new samples of girls from the blue grass region might form a part of the contributions of that State to the Centennial.

PRECISELY what did Beecher mean in his joke about "the laying on of hands," and is "the laying on of hands," as the Churches understand it, a subject for jesting?

A NEW HAMPSHIRE antiquary has a unique curiosity in the shape of a trunk made in 1724, which, during the ante-baggage-smasher era, was in constant use for more than 125 years.

Two sisters, of Carrollton, Ill., who had married two brothers named Flat, had a flat falling out the other day, and before the fight was done had each a finger and the other a nose. Jealousy was the cause.

In the foreign mail sent from New York on Saturday there were 59,800 letters and 82 paper bags. The Gaelic took 27,500 letters and 41 bags; the Hohenstauffen, 29,300 letters and 36 bags; the Henry Chauncey, 3,000 letters and 5 bags.

THE present system of penal servitude for the women in England is one of solitary confinement, and it is asserted that not one women in twenty undergoes imprisonment of a year's duration without showing signs of temporary insanity. It might cure the Laura Fairs on homeopathic principles.

A DISPATCH from Macon City, Mexico, says: A cattle train on the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, ran through a bridge at Eureka City, on Sunday, destroying the bridge, 125 feet long, smashing the locomotive and three cars, and killing or maiming all the cattle in them. The damage is over $20,000.

A MAN who said he couldn't sit calmly by and see Louisiana wronged, rushed into a Broadway telegraph office with a dispatch to Governor Kellogg, reading: "An indignant people will shortly hurl you from a usurper's seat," and requesting that the $2 for transmitting it be collected from the Governor on delivery. The clerk informed him that they weren't doing business that way.

IT is worth while for the loyal people of the land to note this fact: that all the present howling about violations of the Constitution and destruction of public liberty comes either from the men who fought for four years to destroy the Union and to build an empire upon the foundation of slavery, or from other men who assisted and defended that iniquitous attempt. The action of the Government in Louisiana is approved by the people who were upon the Union side during the war, and we are inclined to believe that they are a good deal more likely to be right upon a question of this kind than Southern rebels or Northern copperheads.—*Phila. Bulletin.*

### How to Spell Shakspeare's Name.

For one hundred and fifty years critics have disputed over the correct way to spell the name of Shakspeare. the Troy *Times* thinks that the reason that the Bard of Avon induced Juliet to inquire "What's in a name?" was for the purpose of discovering the correct orthography of his own name, and says that in some of the earlier editions of Shakspeare it reads "What's in *his* name?" or, in plain language, "How many letters are in his (Shakspeare's) name?" The spelling of Shakspeare's name has been an orthographical puzzle that critics for a century and a half have labored over. Stevens, Drake, Dr. Johnson, Reed, Hazlett, Chateaubriand, Lamartine, Ulrich and Bodenstedt spell the name with ten letters, thus: Shakspeare; Chudworth, Mason, Heath, Lord Campbell, White, Guizot and Horn insist on eleven letters, thus: Shakespeare; while still others, though less in number and ability, declare for only nine letters, thus: Shakspere. William ought to have known how to spell his own name, and, as he wrote it Shakspeare, we are inclined to give him the benefit of the ten letters as he placed them.

### Disraeli's Disease.

The indisposition under which Mr. Disraeli suffers, and which has caused so much anxiety among his friends, is of a very peculiar description. It is, I am informed, gout in the lungs. The proximity of the seat of the disease to the heart, of course, increases the gravity of his symptoms. Last session it was observed, for the first time, that the Premier occasionally suffered from gout, sometimes in the feet and sometimes in the hands. But during the lifetime of Lord Palmerston the House was so accustomed to see the Premier *hors de combat* for a few days that no one thought anything about it. But when Mr. Disraeli was observed wearing a cloth shoe and carrying a stick every one seemed to think that a valuable life might possibly be in jeopardy. The chronic pallor of Mr. Disraeli's face and the pained expression which he assumes when ill, make it difficult for him to conceal any indisposition under which he may labor. He is, I understand, in capital spirits, notwithstanding his gout, and speaks hopefully of his recovery. — *London Cor. Belfort News Letter.*

## *THE JUSTIFIABLE SUICIDE.*

I met him on the boiler-deck, as we sailed
out of port,
He seemed to be a gentleman—one of the
better sort;
But he had a most ferocious look, a maniacal stare—
Such as hunters find in tigers when they
rouse them from their lair.

We met again at even, when the cabin-
lamps were lit;
He did by an ancient female in the ladies'
cabin sit.
Then he wore a look of sorrow—such a
fearful look of woe
As Niobe with her children on the painted
canvas show.

And we met again at midnight, as we glided
down the stream,
And all around was stillness, save the
'scaping of the steam;
Then he had a look of wildness—of misery
and despair,
As he gazed into the waters, as if something
drew him there.

I sought a conversation, and asked him if
he knew
That we were on a dangerous boat and had
a dangerous crew?
I told him that the engineers were carrying
the steam too high,
That any moment we might be meandering
to'rds the sky.

And that the pilots both were drunk, or so
I understood,
That they might sink us on the rocks. "I
wish to heaven they would!"
The stranger cried, "but no such luck will
e're be mine, I trow,
For death in any shape would be a pleasure
to me now.

"I've sought it at the cannon's mouth and
on the raging seas,
And on the Northwestern Railroad, and
places such as these,
Why will it flee? The young and gay are
called away too soon,
While I am left, who many years have
craved it as a boon."

I tried to cheer this gloomy man, and draw
his thoughts away
From dwelling on such dismal things. "Sit
down, my friend, I pray;
Have you no living wife nor child, no cherished kindred dear?
Is there no one you love on earth, no ties to
keep you here?

"Who is that dear lady who is traveling
with you now?
Can she not clear away the gloom which
settles on your brow?
Ah, then she comes; I'll ask her aid; most
surely you'll repent."
But up he jumped, threw off his hat, and
overboard he went.

I turned to where the lady stood, and spoke
to this effect:
"Madam, you're his mother-in-law." She
calmly said, "Correct!"

### Eggs vs. Meat.

Would it not be wise to substitute more eggs for meat in our daily diet? About one-third of the weight of an egg is solid nutriment. This is more than can be said of meat. There are no bones and tough pieces that have to be laid aside. An egg is made up of ten parts shell, sixty parts white, and thirty parts yolk. The white of an egg contains eighty six per cent. water; the yolk fifty-two per cent. The average weight of an egg is about two ounces. Practically an egg is animal food, and there is no waste in the disagreeable work of the butcher necessary to obtain it. The vegetarians of England use eggs freely. Many of these men are eighty and ninety years old, and have been remarkably free from illness. A good egg is alive. The shell is porous, the oxygen of the air goes through the shell and keeps up a sort of respiration. An egg soon becomes stale in bad air, or in dry air charged with carbonic acid. Eggs may be dried and made to retain their goodness for a long time, or the shell may be varnished, which excludes the air, when, if kept in a proper temperature, they may be kept for years. The French people produce more eggs than any other, and ship millions of them to England annually. Fresh eggs are more transparent at the center, and round at the top. Very old ones are not transparent either place. In water in which one-tenth salt has been dissolved, good eggs sink and indifferent ones swim. Bad eggs float in pure water. The best eggs are laid by young, healthy hens. It they are properly fed, the eggs are better than if they are allowed to eat all sorts of food. Eggs are best when cooked about four minutes. This takes away an unpleasant taste that is offensive to some, but does not so harden the white or yolk as to make them hard to digest. An egg if cooked very hard is difficult of digestion, except by those with stout stomachs; such eggs should be eaten with bread and mustard very finely. An excellent sandwich can be made with eggs and brown bread. An egg spread on toast is fit for a king, if kings deserve any better food than anybody else, which is doubtful. Fried eggs are less wholesome than boiled ones. An egg dropped into hot water is not only a clean and handsome but a delicious morsel. Most people spoil the taste of their eggs by adding salt and pepper. A little sweet butter is the best dressing. Eggs contain much phosphorus, which is supposed to be useful to those who use their brains much.

### Hints on Tea Making.

If the tea is desired to be of good flavor, be careful not to make it in a teapot which has long been out of use, without having previously washed it out with boiling water. This is done to remove any slight mouldiness which might be present in the vessel without being observed, and which would impart a disagreeable taste to the tea when made. Always keep the tea in a proper canister, protected from the atmosphere and from damp, otherwise it will lose the pleasant scent peculiar to good tea, and, when used, give the beverage an unpleasant flavor. For this reason be very careful, if possible, never to purchase tea which has a musty odor, even in the slightest degree, or which does not possess that agreeable scent so characteristic to tea in good condition, but which is so quickly lost by exposure to damp. In making tea, always fill up the teapot at once. By this means the whole of the theine—which is the vegetable principle on which the peculiar effects produced by tea depends—is extracted at once. This will be found much superior to the plan sometimes adopted of wetting the tea with a small quantity of hot water, and then allowing it to stand before filling up the teapot. For the purpose of extracting the whole theine, the water should be allowed to remain in the tea for at least ten minutes before pouring it out. Be also very careful that the water employed for making tea is boiling before filling the teapot, otherwise the whole of the theine will not be extracted by the fluid, and the tea employed will not go so far as it otherwise would.

### Fast Oxen.

A new agricultural idea has dawned in regard to oxen. It has been discovered in this age of railways that oxen are too slow, and that they can be taught to go fast. "In India, the oldest country in the world, oxen take the place of horses, and they make as good time." Therefore, why not train them to travel fast in our own beloved land? The way to do this is to put on the yoke, harry them up, and make them go. If an ox gets into a cornfield and the dogs get after him, he can gallop almost as fast as a deer; and when running away on his own account he shuffles along as much as a dog But it will be necessary to abandon the yoke, which is clumsy at best, and put on harness, as is done in North Carolina; and beside, the rattling of the yoke, and, the jingling of the draw chain would not sound well at one drives up to church on Sunday morning at a round trot. Further, to guide, them with precision while going at a fatt gait to town, "whoa, haw and gee" must be dropped, and his by used. then one may hope that buggy wheel graze another buggy wheel and no harm will be done. Next year agricultural societies should offer premiums for fast oxen, and there could be no greater attraction than oxen races; for, as the exhibition will be purely agricultural, no immorality can attach. Breeding oxen for speed a few years, we would be likely to have a different race of cows.

### A Riddle

A correspondent sends the Boston *Globe* the following original riddle:

Many my meanings; but one I live,
And to the garden-beds new beauty give.
Most things decapitated soon are dead,
But I become an animal instead.
Spare now my head, cut off my tail behind,
In sound that lifts me into human kind.
Mr. Andrew Bunyan my full name said
That there is still new beauty in my head.

ANSWER.

Meanings to box are like the hyra's heads,
In only one it borders garden-beds;
And box to ox, if you cut off the b,
While bo and bean sound just alike to me
St. Andrew's cross in shape is like an x;
When slanders sought John Bunyan's soul
to vex,
And said the "Pilgrim's Progress" was not
his.
He to his readers simply said, "It is!
Witness my name; if autogram'd to thee,
The letters make,—Nu bony in a B."

### New Method of Slaughtering Animals.

I remember the kind of instrument mentioned in the *Rural* under the preceding heading. It was used everywhere in English villages, and as long ago as 1825. About ten years ago, in one of the agricultural papers in this country, it was stated plows were invented in England to plow two furrows at a time, in 1830, as a child, I can recollect going into the field and begging a ride of the "carter," and on my father's and my grand-father's farms I have ridden often for an hour or two at a time. I expect my father and his grandfather before him had used these double-furrowed plows for forty or fifty or more years. Then I am sure my grandfather's hay tedder, which spread the grass faster than those now in use, was made about the year 1800, for it was becoming an old machine; two horses were used, it being very heavy. There were no horse-rakes, though.—*Rural New Yorker.*


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# DAILY GAZETTE.

## FINANCIAL.

### Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
WEDNESDAY, January 20, 1875.

There were several items of business and financial interest yesterday. The Allegheny Trust Company stockholders elected a new Board of Directors, who will have the labor of settling the affairs of that institution. We regret to learn that the showing is not so good as at first imagined. The puddlers and manufacturers are busily at work trying to reach a basis of agreement, but as yet without result. We regret the delay, but hope an arrangement will soon be made. General business was quite moderate yesterday, and the demand for discounts at the banks fair.

—In Chicago there has been a gradual increase of the demand for money during the past week which has resulted in largely diminishing the supply of loanable funds. There is a very scanty demand for any amount of money offered by brokers in the open market. Two weeks ago it would have been easy to borrow $100,000 in the open market for thirty, sixty, or ninety days at eight per cent. A few small sums of even $4,000 or $5,000 might possibly be had at that rate on the best security for thirty days but not longer, and nine per cent. would have to be paid on sixty days. At the banks the usual rate of discount to customers, ten per cent., remains unchanged.

—The new finance law produces no important effect yet. The first decline of nearly one per cent. in the price of gold has been attributed by all reporters to a decline in the prices of stocks and bonds which was partly caused by the adoption of the new law has not been recovered, and it is probable that the upward reaction of the price of gold is now exhausted. Under the provisions of the new law a general decline of prices of securities and commodities is inevitable, though of course the beginning may be delayed for a few days or more. Careful persons who have thought much of the probable effects of the new law feel convinced that it will soon make considerable commotion in finances and business.

—President Grant seems delighted that the Treasury shall be supplied with revenues, and this is right; but an important matter in direct connection with it is that it shall not be wasted from the Treasury. The requirements of the sinking fund for the year ending June 30th, next, he estimates at $51,000,545, and the balance remaining from other expenditures only $9,000,790. There will therefore, unless expenses are cut down or revenues increased, or both, be a distinct deficiency at the close of the year of $22,093,748. The Secretary estimates the deficiency next year at $11,920,000. This is not a pleasant showing.

—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has recently decided that the States of Virginia and West Virginia are jointly and separately bound for the debt of the old State of Virginia. The present State has only claimed that West Virginia was liable for one-third of the debt, and that State has repudiated that claim on the ground principally that the money was expended mostly for the benefit of lower Virginia. What this decision the question arises as to how a Virginia State creditor can recover out of the jurisdiction of that State. This, of course, carries the whole matter to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the constitutionality of the act of the superation of the two States will be involved.

—The anthracite coal trade the past week is a peculiar feature, the trade being almost entirely at a standstill, as well among the coal producers as the coal carriers. Mining in almost all the coal regions is at a halt. The whole supply returned is a little less than 50,000 tons, against about double the amount in corresponding week last year, and yet the tonnage thus far the present coal year is 825,032 tons, being an increase of 258,926 tons on the tonnage to corresponding time last year. The supply of coal on hand is considerable, and the principal subject of interest just now being an adjustment of wages and of coal prices for the current year. The retail coal trade in this city is reported unusually active, the deliveries from the yards being to the full capacity of the carts. Prices continue to the lately reduced figures. At Port Richmond for the week ending the 16th instant the receipts of coal were none and the shipments 5,000 tons, leaving 151,000 tons on hand. Shipments of coal are much reduced that we present no freight rates, the ice in the Delaware having pretty effectually stopped all navigation.

Luther S. Kauffman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

| | Opened. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Gold | 112¾ | 112¾ |
| U. S. 6's, 5 Sires—1861—coupons | 113¾ | 113¾ |
| 5-20 1862 | 114½ | 114½ |
| 20—1864 | 116¾ | 116¾ |
| " 1865 | 117¾ | 117¾ |
| " 1865 new, " | 117¾ | 117¾ |
| " 1867 | 118¾ | 118¾ |
| " 1868—coupons | 118¾ | 118¾ |
| 10-40's | 115¾ | 115¾ |
| Currency 6's | 117¾ | 117¾ |
| New 5 per cents. | 112¾ | 112¾ |
| 10-40's—coupons | 115¾ | 115¾ |
| RAILWAYS. | | |
| New York Central | 101¾ | 101¾ |
| Erie | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| I. C | 97¾ | 97¾ |
| C. C. & I. C. | | 8½ |
| Pa. Paul | 37¾ | 37¾ |
| Do. Pref | | 58½ |
| Michigan Southern | 73½ | 73¾ |
| Do Central | 79¾ | |
| North Western Common | 44¾ | 44¾ |
| Do. Pref | | 60 |
| Rock Island | 102¾ | 102¾ |
| Central & Pittsburgh | 112¾ | 112¾ |
| Pacific Mail | 34¾ | 34 |
| Western Union Telegraph | 75¾ | 73¾ |
| Ohio & Mississippi | 23¾ | 23¾ |
| Union Pacific | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Toledo & Wabash | 17¾ | 18 |
| Harlem | 127 | |
| Adams Express | 99¾ | 99¾ |
| American Express | 64½ | 64¾ |
| U. S. Express | 65 | 65½ |
| W., Fargo & Co Express | 81½ | 82 |
| Hannibal & St. Joseph | 24½ | 25 |

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| | Bid. | Ask. |
|---|---|---|
| P. R. R. | 55¾ | |
| " scrip | 106¾ | 61¾ |
| Reading | 45¾ | |
| United Cos. of N. J. | 120¾ | |
| Oil Creek | 11¾ | 11¾ |
| Lehigh Valley | 61¾ | |
| Central Transportation | 43¾ | 44¾ |
| A. V. R. R. 7-20 | 79¾ | |
| P. C. & St. L. 7's | 79¾ | |

NEW YORK, January 19, 1875.

Money 3@3 1-2; prime mercantile paper 4 1-2@6 1-2. Sterling was steady at 486 1-4 @486 1-2 for sixty days and 489 3-4@490 for sight. The customs receipts amounted to $208,000. The produce exports for the week were $4,659,275, against $4,224,416 last week. Gold opened at 112 1-2, and closed at 112 1-4. The carrying rates were 1, 3 and flat. The Treasury disbursements aggregated $175,000. Government and railroad bonds were firm. State bonds were quiet. Stocks opened irregular and weak, and declined from 1-4 to 2 per cent., Ohio, Wabash, Pacific Mail, Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph and Lake Shore leading the downward movement. At the second call the lowest prices of the day were generally current. In closing dealings stocks were active and strong at an advance of ¼ to 1¾ from the lowest prices, Western Union leading the advance, followed by Ohios, Wabash, Pacific Mail and Union Pacific. In the Court proceedings in the Lake Shore injunction case, the Judge has reserved his decision till Monday next. Considerable purchase, to cover short contracts had a tendency to sustain the market at the close. The transactions aggregated 273,000 shares, of which 27,000 were Pacific Mail, 74,000 Western Union, 19,000 Northwest common, 8,000 St. Paul common, 5,000 Erie, 58,000 Lake Shore, 45,000 Ohios, 15,000 Wabash, and 15,000 Union Pacific.

*Governments.*—U. S. coupons of 1881, 118¼; 5-20's of '62, 114¾; do of '64, 116⅝; do of 65, 118⅛; do 1867, 117⅝; do of '68, 118⅝; do of '65, 118⅛; 10-40s, 115¼; new 5s, 114; currency 6s, 117⅝.

*State Bonds.*—Missouri 6s, 95; Tennessee, old, 72; do new, 72; Virginia, new, 62; do old 41; North Carolina, old, 27; do new, 16.

*Stocks.*—Canton, 59; Western Union Telegraph Company, 74⅝; Quicksilver, 34½; Adams Express, 99¼; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 82; American Express, 64¼; United States Express, 62; Pacific Mail, 34; New York Central, 101¾; Erie, 28¾; do preferred, 50; Harlem, 127½; do preferred, 125; Michigan Central, 79½; Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago, 89½; Northwestern, new, 32

# HOME NEWS.

*NOTICE.*

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It is the best Family Paper published in the city. Its columns contain all the local events of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and surrounding towns. It is free from all objectionable reading matter unfit to be read in the family circle. Our *Special Correspondents* at Washington and Harrisburg will keep its readers thoroughly posted on all that transpires at these two Capitals. *Important Telegraph News*, from all parts of the *United States and Europe*, will be found in the GAZETTE daily.

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**On the Railroads.**

The GAZETTE will be found on all trains of the different Railroads running in and out of this city. If any of our friends when traveling cannot buy the GAZETTE on the train, they will confer a favor by dropping us a line informing us of the fact.

**Leg Fractured.**

Last evening a little girl slipped and fell near the Second ward school house, on Irwin avenue, Allegheny, and fractured one of her legs. She was taken to her home on Jefferson street, and Dr. W. W. Cole summoned, who reduced the fracture.

**Allegheny Trust Company.**

The stockholders of the Allegheny Trust Company of Allegheny met yesterday afternoon and elected the following Board of Directors: Messrs. Charles Maginn, Joseph McNaugher, W. A. Reed, J. M. Hemphill, James McBrier, James Allen, Wm. Semple, John A. Myler, R. W. Cartwright. The last five gentlemen are new members of the Board.

**Arrested on Suspicion.**

Yesterday afternoon the police arrested three men on suspicion of being the parties who robbed J. H. Lietmann's furnishing goods store, under Lafayette Hall last Friday night. The prisoners gave their names as Smith, Foster and Long, and a number of silk handkerchiefs found on Long were identified by Mr. Lietmann as his property. The men will have a hearing to-day.

**More Smoke Than Fire.**

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon a board that was placed in front of the gas meter and against the sheet iron smoke pipe of the steam furnaces in the cellar of the Allegheny City Building commenced burning, and filled the City Engineer's office, which is directly above, with smoke. For a short time there was quite an excitement, as it was thought the building was on fire. The board that caused the trouble was thrown on the floor and a bucket of water poured on it.

**Slight Accident.**

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock as a freight train was coming in from the West on the Pan Handle railroad, just as it reached a point near Brownsville avenue, on the South Side, two cars were overturned which were loaded with sheep, and resulted in the killing of about fifteen of their number. The balance that were in the cars jumped out and ran up on the hill, where they remained at large for some time. They belonged to a stock man who was shipping them to this market.

**Death of Mr. John Ross.**

Last evening, shortly after ten o'clock, Mr. John Ross, First Secretary of the Water Commission, died at his residence, Shady Side station. The deceased had been in ill-health for some time, and within the past few weeks had been suffering acutely from hemorrhoids so that his death was not entirely unexpected. He was in the thirty-second year of his age and was but in the prime of life when attacked with the disease, which was attended with such a sad result. The deceased was a man of a warm heart, courteous manners and social disposition, and had many warm and constant friends to whom his sudden demise will be a source of sincere mourning.

**Harper's Periodicals.**

There is no American home where any attempt is made to keep up with the current literature of the day, in which some one, or perhaps each of Harper's periodicals does not find a place. These periodicals—the Magazine, the Bazar and the Weekly—so completely occupy the field in which they move that the readers have the advantage of a library containing the richest and best thoughts, and the latest developments in the great worlds of science, literature, art and fashion. Each periodical is perfect in its way, because no pains or money is spared to make it such. They have no rivals, but stand clear of all other periodicals of their class, and have an acknowledged supremacy, whenever American periodical literature goes.

The worth of one of those periodicals in any household is almost incalculable. They are always pure, high toned, instructive and entertaining, and are equally liked by old and young. We know of no investment that will yield a richer profit than a subscription to one of these periodicals. For terms for 1875, full information can be had in the announcement in another column.

**A STRICKEN HOUSEHOLD.**

**Death of a Prominent Allegheny Physician.**

Last evening one of Allegheny's most prominent and able physicians, Dr. J. P. Alcorn, died after a very short illness. On last Friday morning Mrs. Alcorn became ill, and on the same evening her husband, the Doctor, became very sick with some disease of the heart. A number of physicians were summoned and did all in their power to save him, but their efforts were unavailing and his demise occurred last night. Mrs. Alcorn, during the illness of her husband, was confined to her bed in a critical condition, and was not informed of the death of her husband. The deceased was about sixty-five years of age, but was a powerful, active man for one of his years. He had a family of adult children, who lived in the family residence. The old gentleman, however generally preferred to occupy the the house in which his widow now resides, and in which he was murdered. Mr. Kern's son had that night taken his two daughters to Mrs. Graysville in order that they might be ready to go to school the morning of Monday morning, and the old gentleman was thus left in the house with no one to keep him company.

**CITY PRINTING.**

**The Municipal Record—How it is to be Gotten up.**

Yesterday afternoon the Printing Committee of Pittsburgh Councils held a special meeting to hear the report of the sub-committee with reference to the printing of the Municipal Record.

The sub-committee reported in favor of a change in the original ordinance, so as to provide that the Record be printed in Nonpareil" type, instead of "Small Pica" as was first adopted. They reported that the "Small Pica" was too large, and that one page printed in nonpareil would contain three times as much matter.

The sub-committee also recommended that the price per page be fixed at $3.75 the contractor to print 200 copies indexed and bound.

The report was received and the recommendations adopted, after which the committee adjourned.

**CAPTURED.**

**Two Men Arrested While Going Through a Man.**

Yesterday morning officer Mooney arrested two men who afterwards gave their names as Kirkpatrick and Johnston, for going through the pockets of one Logan, while passing down Eleventh street, near the Rush House. It appears that the thieves had conveyed their victim into an alley just off the side walk, and were in the act of searching for valuables upon his person, when they were discovered by the officer, who captured one of them on the spot. After conveying him to the Central station, Mr. Mooney started out in search of the other man, whom he found in the billiard hall under the Opera House. As soon as the officer stepped in the fellow ran out through the rear door, but was closely pursued and subsequently captured and locked up. Logan had on his person $75 in cash, a draft for $1,500 and a gold watch, which were all saved by the timely interference of officer Mooney.

**THE ALLEGHENY PARKS.**

**Arranging for the Year's Work—A Prospect for Concerts Next Season.**

Last evening the Allegheny Park Commission held a meeting, when the following standing committees were appointed:

Grounds—Messrs. Lea, Marshall and Price.

Police—Messrs. Park, Phillips and Patterson.

Finance—Messrs. Walton, Price and Patterson.

The matter of asking Councils for an appropriation for the maintenance of the Parks then came up, and it was decided to ask for about $14,000.

In regard to making further improvements in the Parks, the Commission can do nothing, as their funds for that purpose are all exhausted, unless Councils see fit to authorize the issuing of further Park bonds. This matter will be laid before the Finance Committee at the time of making the appropriations.

The Commission then discussed at some length the propriety of asking Councils to repeal that section of the Park Ordinance prohibiting the sale or vending of any article within the Park grounds. This was caused by the persistent request of some of the confectioners of both Allegheny and Pittsburgh for permission to erect booths on the Park ground, for the sale of fruit, ice-cream, soda water, &c., during the summer It was suggested that if the section was repealed, sufficient money might be made from permits to sell in the Park, to pay for music in the Park, or it might be spent in some other way for the improvement of the Park.

The matter was discussed at some length, but no definite action was taken.

# THE SCAFFOLD.

## A Murderer Awaiting His Doom.

**The Westmoreland Tragedy—The Details of a Terrible Crime—An Old Man Ruthlessly Murdered—The Brutality of the Deed—The Convict to Expiate the Crime To-day—Conduct of the Prisoner—The Arrangements for the Execution.**

GREENSBURG, Pa., January 19, 1875.

The good people of this usually quiet town are considerably exercised over the approaching execution of Samuel Beighley, Jr., convicted and sentenced to be hung for the murder of Joseph Kerr. The execution takes place to-morrow, and already there has been a large influx of strangers, although not many of them will be admitted to witness the death scene. Among those who are here, are representatives from leading papers, one or two of the New York and Chicago journals being represented. The sheriff has endeavored to arrange matters as quietly as possible, but with what success cannot be fully determined until all is over to-morrow. He has been greatly pressed for permits to witness the execution by persons who are merely anxious to gratify a morbid curiosity, but some of them will be doomed to sore disappointment.

The circumstances of this murder reveal

A SHOCKING CRIME;

one that sadly illustrates what depravity and brutality is reached by the youth who takes his baser passions only as his guide. The murder was committed on the night of November 30, 1873,—Sunday night,—and goes down in the criminal annals of Westmoreland county among the most cruel and diabolical of crimes. The victim was a quiet, inoffensive old gentleman, named Joseph Kerr, who was well-known throughout Westmoreland county, and was held in great esteem as an honest, industrious, peaceable man. He resided on a small farm, about three miles from Murraysville, and in addition to his farm work employed his leisure hours in shoemaking. His shoe shop was located in a small two-story frame house situated a few yards away from the house in which his family lived. He had a bed in the upper story of this house and was accustomed to sleep there—a whim in which he was not interfered with.

At times when his farm labor was too great he would employ help, and in November, 1873, for a couple of weeks, he had engaged eb Samuel Beighley, Jr., to assist him in his work. Beighley was a young man of dissolute habit, and indolent disposition, who never would apply himself regularly to a task, but managed to eke out a livilihood by picking up odd jobs. When working for Kerr he managed to get a little money in hand. He finished up his two week's contract with Mr. Kerr on Friday evening, and was discharged,—going to the house of a neighbor about a mile distant.

DISCOVERY OF THE MURDER.

On Sunday evening about ten o'clock Mr. John C. Kerr, a son of the victim of this crime, was passing his father's shop, when he observed a light shining through the window. He thought the circumstance was singular, and stopped to investigate. He rapped heavily on the door several times, but received no answer. The window was shaded so that he could not see in distinctly. Failing thus to get in, he became alarmed, and going over to the family residence he secured a lantern and came back to investigate. Upon his return he found the window open, and upon entering and proceeding to the second story he was shocked to see the body of his father with life extinct lying near the bed. The murderer had first almost fractured his victim's skull with a blow and then cut his throat from ear to ear.

As near as can be ascertained the murder was committed about nine o'clock at night, the evidence adduced during the trial tending to that effect. Beighley entered the dwelling with a stout white oak club in his hand and in an unlooked for moment struck Kerr and knocked him senseless. Continuing the brutal assault he hammered him over the head until it was almost a shapeless mass, and then taking a shoe knife he cut his victims throat and in doing so he was so energetic and vicious that he nearly served the head altogether from the shoulders. As a compensation for this terrible crime he took the coat from off the back of the murdered man and succeeded in getting about $26 in cash which the room contained.

An examination of the room gave positive evidence of the murderer. A coat and a scarf belonging to Beighley were found, and the traces of the murderer's hasty flight were seen.

The fact of the terrible tragedy was soon communicated to the neighbors, a number of whom proceeded at once in search of Beighley. They found him at the house of Mr. Stout, about a mile away. He feigned to be sleeping at first, but additional evidence of his guilt were unearthed by the discovery of the coat of the murdered man in his room, all stained with blood. His boots were also similarly stained, and it was with difficulty that his captors restrained their desire to hang him on the spot. He was, however, taken into custody, and arrangements made for the holding of an inquest.

THE CONFESSION.

Beighley finding himself thus surrounded by a network of circumstances that fixed the crime directly upon him, broke down and made a confession, that he had committed the deed in the hope of gain. Robbery was his first intent, but it developed into murder. He was then remanded for trial, and was subsequently tried, convicted and sentenced—the law's delays postponing his fate for more than a year.

THE MURDERER AND HIS VICTIM.

Beighley is yet a young man in years, being only twenty-two years of age, but he is venerable in crime. He was always noted for his shiftless disposition, and seemed to prefer the lowest plane of life. His parents were respectable and industrious, whose lives were embittered by the waywardness of their son.

The murdered man was about sixty-five years of age, but was a powerful, active man for one of his years. He had a family of adult children, who lived in the family residence. The old gentleman, however generally preferred to occupy the the house in which his widow now resides, and in which he was murdered. Mr. Kern's son had that night taken his two daughters to Mrs. Graysville in order that they might be ready to go to school the morning of Monday morning, and the old gentleman was thus left in the house with no one to keep him company.

THE "LIZZIE MESS MURDER."

Some of the citizens of Greensburg lay at Beighley's door the celebrated Lizzie Mess murder with which all the readers of the GAZETTE are thoroughly familiar. The prisoner denies having committed that crime but it is said that he is the one who took her home from the party the night before she was killed.

A FULL CONFESSION.

The air is thick with rumors about Beighley having made a confession, and of his being expected to make another one to-night, but if he does so make a thousand confessions, and then swear to them on a stack of Bibles, there are men here who would not believe him, and they are fair, liberal minded men too.

"Why," said one of the county officers to me to-night, "you could not induce me to believe anything that man might say. He is utterly hardened and has no fear of heaven or hell."

That Beighley has made a confession is true, because I know it of my own certain knowledge. It was shown to me to-night, but I was not allowed to inspect its contents. After the execution to-morrow it will be made known to the public. A portion of the confession is now being set up in the printing offices at this place, and the balance of it, I am informed, will be read on the scaffold to-morrow.

On Sunday night Beighley confessed to a number of gentlemen who were visiting him in person, that he had murdered Mr. Kerr-bnt, as my informant said, he had not mind enough, or else did not wish to give the details of the case. He acknowledged clubbing Mr. Kerr over the head with a bludgeon, and then cutting his throat with a knife, but his confession differs from the evidence brought out at the trial in the respect that Beighly says he carried the old man's clothes after murdering him, instead of killing him where the body was found. In concluding his story the convict said: "If I had not taken the d—d coat I would not have been arrested. If it had not been found in my possession all h—l could not have convicted me."

HIS MENTAL CONDITION.

The religious efforts which have been made by the good men, who are waiting on him for his spiritual welfare, are altogether abortive. He is apparently very penitent in the presence of his pastor and often copiously sheds tears, but when the Rev. gentleman leaves, Beighley, it is said, curses and swears. When dictating the confession referred to above, he cried like a child, and Mr. Love says gave every evidence of the deepest contrition and most agonizing sorrow.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION.

Before morning all the preparations for the execution will be complete. The carpenters are engaged to-night in erecting the scaffold, working by candle light, and every blow that drives home a nail or fits a beam in its place is heard in the doomed man's cell, which is only a short distance away. There being no yard attached to the prison, the sheriff was obliged to erect the scaffold in one corner of the jail corridor. The work is being substantially done under the eye of the sheriff.

SPIRITUAL CONSOLATION.

Beighley's minister was with him to-night for a long time. Every nerve has been strained to bring the prisoner to an appreciation of his near approach to an acquaintance with death, and to fit him for another world, but it is hard to foretell how the struggle will end. J. S. R.

**Gold and Silver**

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*Interest allowed on all time deposits.*

# THE WESTERN SUFFERERS.

**People Starving for Want of Food and Freezing for Want of Clothing—The Terrible Destitution Prevailing—Appeals that Need No Comment.**

The following appeals for help for the sufferers in the West needs no comment. They tell their own story, and it will be a stoical heart indeed that is not moved by them.

OSBORNE CITY, KAN., Dec. 27, 1874.

*Mr. James Crawford, Sr.*—DEAR SIR:—Your kind favor of the 18th inst. is at hand. I will gladly comply with your request and give you a statement of the condition of our people upon which you can rely. This county is in its third year of crop raising. The counties west are still newer. Our citizens were not yet prepared in the acreage broken, nor with means to put in a great deal of wheat. The largest proportion, therefore, of the land broken was planted with corn. All crops, before the effects of the drought was felt, had every appearance of an abundant yield. When, however, in addition to the drought, the grasshoppers appeared, and literally devoured every ear of corn, and every vegetable in our gardens, it must be apparent to every one that it could not be otherwise than that want would overtake us. The few who raised wheat, were compelled to feed it to their horses and swine. Our citizens depended upon their corn crop for food for their horses and swine, meal for their own use, and the surplus for other breadstuff, clothing and groceries. Remember, then, that this whole resource of subsistence is *utterly stricken out in every county* visited by the grasshoppers. These new counties suffer the most, for the reason that most of the settlers have by this time expended all their means for their necessary improvements and subsistence, and had not time to prepare for such a devastating visitation. Our best and most industrious citizens are thus involved in the common calamity. There are many who have teams and would gladly go to the railroad and haul supplies, but they have no feed for their horses, nor money to have their horses shod, to enable them to go on the road. If our condition had been brought about by the want of industry or energy, a generous public might hesitate to give, but I am sure that it must be evident to every mind that no human foresight could prevent want under such a visitation. To evince to you that we have not been idle within the three years of our county's organization, let me enumerate the facts, that we have church and Sunday school organizations, have held county agricultural fairs, county Sunday School and Teachers' Conventions, and the whole county divided into school districts, with three stone and in others neat frame school houses, the one in Osborne City being two stories high and commodious; that we have three mills in full operation, and three grist mills in course of erection, and nearly finished. These are facts, and ought to remove every doubt in the minds of generous people that suffering exists, and that our people must be assisted in this their day of trial. I recognize the fact, that those who are willing to aid, ought to have undoubted information that their aid is needed. Assure your friends that our citizens are willing to divide with the unfortunate with a large supply of food. As yet but little has been sent into this section. I am acting as receiver of supplies for the counties of Smith, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Norton and the unorganized counties west of these. The principal supply thus far has been in flour, meal, beans, rice, hominy and clothing. To give you an idea how far it reached, I will mention that the township in this county in which Osborne City is located, and one of the heaviest in population, received as its proportion but one hundred weight of flour, and one hundred and twenty-five pounds of corn meal, with a like share of beans, etc. I think you will see by this that the supply cannot be otherwise than inadequate to the wants. Each township has a committee of three to whom the County Committee distribute, and the duties devolve upon from a report of the destitute in the respective townships. I do not hesitate to say, that you can give your people the strongest assurances that so far as Osborne county is concerned, the benefactions of a generous public are being faithfully placed to the doors of the most needy. In reply to what is most needed, I answer, that it is the opinion of those in the situation to know, that with the clothing already forwarded, and that distributed by the Government, the clothing want can be supplied. The need from this time, and it will be increasing, is provisions, flour and meal. Unless shipment could be made free of charge, it would be best to send the money. Flour can be bought in the eastern part of this State from $2.25 to $2.50 per 100 pounds, and can be shipped free. I have prepared this in shape for publication if you desire. These are facts which the public ought to know. As you live in Allegheny county, it would probably be within your reach to call upon Messrs. Jacob Seibert and Louis Wiederhold, doing business, or were, when I last heard from them, as upholsterers, on 100 Third avenue, Pittsburgh. If within reach I wish you would call, for your own satisfaction, and then inform the Osborne people I know they would give you that what I state can be relied upon. I will be glad to communicate with you upon this subject at any time. Thanking you for the interest you manifest,

I remain, respectfully yours,

W. L. BEAR,
Receiver for Northwestern counties of Kansas.

P. S.—Supplies designed for the Northwestern counties should be sent to me through the State Committee. If for Osborne county, direct through State Committee, to Rev. C. C. Ayres, Chairman Relief Committee, Osborne county, Kansas. Post-office address of Mr. Ayres and myself, Osborne City, Kansas. W. L. BEAR.

THE DESTITUTION IN KANSAS.

*To the Citizens of Pittsburgh:*

Having been appointed by the citizens of Butler county, Kansas, and commissioned by the Governor of the State, as per certificates appended, to present the needs and condition of that portion of her people whose crops were wholly destroyed by the ravages of grasshoppers to the consideration of the benevolent people of the United States, I accept the courtesies of the press of this city to make the wants of my people known.

The destruction of crops was total. The innumerable hosts of grasshoppers destroyed every green thing calculated for the sustenance of man or beast; and the consequence is that a large proportion of our citizens are left without a morsel to eat, and have, for some time past, been wholly dependent upon the charities of the public. The greater destitution prevails in the western counties, all of which have been peopled within the past five years; and emigrants to Kansas having, as a rule, but little means for any purpose, and none for food, but few who are able to assist their suffering neighbors. Humane leaders and employers generally are obliged to lay off one-fourth to one-half the hands for that length or time to bring their lands into subjection, and under these circumstances the loss of an entire crop must necessarily subject them to great suffering, and in fact, death from starvation must ensue unless their wants are supplied by the charitable people of the East.

They appeal to you for provisions, clothing, seed for spring planting, feed for their work teams, or anything that will sustain life in man or beast, or in lieu thereof money will be gladly received.

All supplies for distribution among the grasshopper sufferers will be transported free of charge by the various railroads.

Shall this appeal for bread receive a hearty response from the citizens of Pittsburgh, or shall your neighbors, friends and relatives who have gone to Kansas to found new homes be subjected to that worst of all deaths—death from starvation? God forbid that it may ever be said that Americans ship cargo after cargo of provisions for the relief of foreign countries, but to the cry of their own famishing people they turn a deaf ear. CHAS. H. KURTZ.

BUTLER COUNTY, } ss:
State of Kansas, }

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Butler county, Kansas, certify that Charles H. Kurtz has been appointed by the people of this county to solicit aid for our needy citizens, and we recommend him to a generous public as being worthy of all confidence.

E. W. CHEEVER,
J. A. MCGINNIS,
Commissioners.

Attest:

VINCENT BROWN,
[L. S.] County Clerk.

ROOMS OF KANSAS CENTRAL RELIEF COMMITTEE,
TOPEKA, December 23, 1874.

*Hon. Thos. A. Osborn, Governor of Kansas:*

SIR:—Being satisfied of the validity of the appointment of Charles H. Kurtz, of Butler county, as a solicitor of aid for the needy people of that county, and believing him to be capable and honest, we have to request that you indorse said appointment.

By order of the Committee.

E. S. STOVER, Chairman,
HENRY KING, Secretary.

EXECUTIVE DEPT., STATE OF KANSAS, }
TOPEKA, December 23, 1874. }

*To whom it may concern:*

In accordance with the foregoing request of the Kansas Central Relief Committee, Charles H. Kurtz, of Butler county, is hereby recommended as a proper person to receive contributions of aid for the needy of his county. THOS. A. OSBORN,
Governor.

By the Governor:
[L. S.] W. H. SMALLWOOD,
Secretary of State.

**Committee on Appeals.**

The Committee on Appeals from City Assessments, organized by the re-election of Mr. W. D. West as chairman. No other business of importance was transacted.

Adjourned.

**To Let.**

The warehouse No. 335 Liberty street, now occupied by D. Chestnut & Co.; the building is four stories high with a slate roof. Also, two suites of offices in the stone front building No. and 176 178 Wood street, are best location in the city. Also, the hall in the same building. Also, a dwelling house, containing nine rooms, adjoining the Lucy Furnace, in the Eighteenth ward, suitable for a boarding house. Inquire of John D. Thompson, Brush and Notion house, 176 and 178 Wood street.

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GEORGE R. RIDDLE, President.

# INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

**Items of Interest to Workers of all Ranks.**

ST. LOUIS men are building extensive shops for iron ship-building.

AT DANVILLE, PA., all the iron mills and furnaces are in full blast for the first time for eight months.

THE Massachusetts Legislature is asked to appropriate $100,000 for the expense of the decennial census and gathering of the industrial statistics.

WHITE puddlers at the Tredegar Iron Works, Richmond, Va., refuse to work with colored helpers. Such labor is largely employed in other departments.

AN effort is making at the great Atlas Works, Sheffield, to find employment asday laborers for the skilled workmen the firm were compelled to discharge.

THE French iron industries, though dull, are reported better off than their neighbors. The men are well employed. The Belgian districts are in a depressed condition.

THE Miner's Association of South Wales, the district in which a great strike has been inaugurated, numbered at its commencement 15,311 members. All propositions for arbitration were rejected by the employers.

THE depression in the English steel manufactures is general. Labor is seriously affected. The total force has been reduced at least one fifth, and wages are lowered from 10 to 25 per cent. The adoption at Sheffield of the new plan of rolling the Bessemer steel directly into rails has compelled the discharge of the hammer-men, a majority of whom propose to emigrate.

AT Haverhill Mass., one of the principal seats of the boot and shoe manufacture, workmen of all classes can now find steady employment at limited prices, with the promise of better wages hereafter. At Baintree the shoe factories are all running—some on full time. At Woburn the same is true. At Lynn the larger shops have started quite flush, and the others are picking up.

THE Sovereigns of Industry have now organized State Councils in eleven States, and the Vermont Council will be formed in a few days. The State Councils now working are Massachusetts, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Maine, New Hampshire, Kansas and Indiana. The annual election of officers is now in progress in the New England States.

THE Massachusetts savings banks report, for 1874, an increase of $17,000,000 on the deposits of the previous year. This is in face of the large withdrawals on the part of the depositors to meet the additional wants of saving. The increase is no doubt due to the selfish panic, which has made small investors, &c., withdraw their capital from active business enterprise and place it for safe keeping in banks. Labor suffers every time in a panic.

THE British Postmaster General is charged with an act of petty tyranny. A number of the lower rates employed signed a memorial (which, under the regulations, they had a right to do) asking for an increase of pay. Lord John Manners replies that they must withdraw their request, which is done. He charges them with insubordination, and then dismisses those who signed. For this act he is being severely criticised.

ENGLISH coal mine inspectors are selected by open competition, and are required to be not under twenty-three or over thirty-five years of age. The examination includes (obligatory) handwriting, orthography, arithmetic, English composition, the latest acquaintance with coal mines and mining, both practical and theoretical. A knowledge of metalliferous mines is optional, but desirable. Every applicant must have worked as a miner within five years of his application for at least two years underground.

IT is asserted that if, at the close of 1874, every charcoal furnace in the United States had blown out, there would have been stock enough on hand to supply the country for one year. At the sixty-two furnaces located in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, it is claimed that there are on hand 71,000 tons. In the Housatonic Valley there are 18,000 tons piled. There are also are in warehouse (20,000 tons in Cincinnati), besides what is on hand at other furnaces. An average stock of 1,000 tons per furnace is the estimate.

IN advising the factory operatives to withdraw their money from the Fall River savings banks, their organ, the *Labor Journal*, gives at some length, the names of savings banks presidents and directors who are also presidents, superintendents, or managing directors of cotton mills, to which it is said the majority of the savings deposits are loaned. It also claims that these are the mills whose managers are most strenuous in requiring a reduction of wages. It is also charged that one chief cause of the decline of profits in the Fall River corporation is a system of real estate speculation, under the guise of establishing new mills, by which officers of the corporation buy in land and then sell it again at fancy rates to the mills.

AN ENGLISH stonemason writes to the London *Beehive* an encouraging account of industry in new Zealand. The public works are creating a large demand. He mentions the following rates of wages. The average wages received are as follows: Without board, per day: Carpenters, 12s.; masons, 12s.; bricklayers, 12s.; cabinet-makers, 12s.; Venetian blind makers, 13s.; painters, 9s.; paper-hangers, 10s.; plasterers, 7s.; blacksmiths, 11s.; engine fitters, 11s.; boiler-makers, 12s.; coach smiths, 11s.; coach painters, 12s.; wheelwrights, 12s.; millwrights, 11s.; compositors, 10s.; gardeners, 7s.; bakers; machinists and dressmakers, 35s. per week; waiters, 30s. per week with board and lodging; men cooks, £1 per ditto, housemaids, 15s. per ditto, nurses, 10s. per ditto. From this it will be noticed that female labor ranges as high or higher than that of the men. The writer says the price of food is much cheaper than in England, house rent very high and clothing a little dearer.

ENGLISH workmen as well as employers in many of the leading industries are alarmed at the successful competition of Belgian products with their own. It is asserted that present distress is, some of the employers say, largely due to this foreign competition. A proposition is now being seriously considered by the leading men to form a commission of both employers and workmen, who shall visit Belgium and ascertain for themselves the exact manner in what it is that enables the Belgians to succeed. This suggestion does not come from those who believe in low wages, but the contrary. A good deal has been done of late years to reduce the cost of living, lower rates of living, and especially of transportation, enable both classes to prosper there, against English activity and skill. The Miners' National Union first broached the project, and the conciliation and arbitration boards of Staffordshire and Yorkshire in both the iron and coal trades are joining in the movement.

A CONVENTION of the National Brickmakers' Association will assemble at Louisville, Ky., for several days from the 15th of February next. Delegates are expected from all parts of the country, including New York, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri. No delegates will be admitted from the South or the New England States. There is or was no union in Boston, which has not been very prosperous during the last year. The only union south of Louisville is at Memphis. There are twenty-five unions in good standing with the national body. The President's annual address refers to the year's distress in their craft, but claims that the trade now has reason for encouragement. By the constitution of this union no strike is permitted to obtain general support without a vote is taken and the action receives the affirmative votes of two-thirds of all unions. Only one strike has occurred during the year past—in the District of Columbia—and, being voted against by a large majority, was soon terminated. The eight-hour system is strongly indorsed by the bricklayers.

# THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

**Organization of the Street Committee for 1875—Guarding the Funds—Making out the Estimates.**

Yesterday afternoon the Street Committee of Pittsburgh Councils held a meeting for organization.

An election for Chairman resulted in the re-election of Mr. S. P. Fulton.

It was decided to hold regular stated meetings on the 3rd day of every month at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. West presented the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five in conjunction with the chairman of this committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine and carefully scrutinize all pay rolls, bills and accounts, before said pay rolls, &c., are submitted to this committee for their approval. Passed and Messrs. West, Conway, Dannells, Ballantine and Rafferty appointed.

A resolution was passed requiring all subcommittees of the committee meet within ten days of their appointment, and also requiring them to report in writing.

Mr. West moved that the Finance Committee be asked for an appropriation of $110,000 for the ensuing year. Carried.

(The appropriation for streets last year amounted to $140,000.)

Adjourned.

# NEARING THE END.

**The Record of Ernest Ortwein Forwarded to the Governor.**

Clerk McCleary of the Quarter Sessions Court sent the record in the case of Ernest Ortwein to the Governor yesterday—the District Attorney having asked that the papers be forwarded, which request was promptly complied with. The matter will no doubt receive prompt attention at the hands of the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth, and the time for the execution of Ortwein will, in all probability, be fixed at no distant day. Judging from the promptness in which the Governor acted in the case of Beighley, who is to be executed at Greensburg to-day, the death warrant will be carried out about the last of March or first of April.

# THE SURVEY COMMITTEE.

**Organized for the Work of the Ensuing Year.**

The Survey Committee of City Councils met yesterday afternoon, and organized by re-electing Capt. W. F. Aull as chairman.

The Finance Committee was asked for an appropriation of $10,000 for the ensuing year. (The appropriation last year was $15,000.) Carried.

The regular time of meeting was fixed for the 2d day of each month, at 2½ P. M.

Adjourned.

**Desirable Property at Auction.**

That desirable property that is to be sold by James W. Drape & Co., this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, is No. 55 Rebecca street, Allegheny City, instead of No. 55 Rebecca street, as mentioned in yesterday's GAZETTE.

# THE COURTS.

**YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.**

**United States District Court.**

*(Before Judge McCandless.)*

In the matter of Josiah Zerbe, bankrupt, of Northumberland county, his petition for a discharge from bankruptcy, was presented and the usual order made, for a final hearing before Register J. S. Detwiler, of Sunbury.

In the matter of Blackmore & Nelson, bankrupts, of this city, the report of Register Harper, on the pitition of Martin Lutz, was presented and approved, and in accordance with the recommendation thereof, John Hall, Esq., U. S. Marshal, was ordered to deliver to the said Martin Lutz, tenant, possession of the crops on the farm of James Blackmore.

In the matter of Hiram Exstein & Co. et al. vs. B. Merzel & Bro., of Erie county, the argument on motion for an injunction against Henry Weil, by Mr. Stoner against the same, Mr. Seely refused to press the motion. After which the restraining order was dissolved and the injunction refused.

In the matter of J. and L. M. Childs, bankrupts, of Erie county, the hearings on the exceptions filed to the report of the Commissioner appointed to ascertain the liens against the real estate of the said bankrupt was continued to the 12th proximo.

Wilson and Benjamin F. Marshall, of Wilksbarre, Luzerne county, filed a petition of the adjudication in bankruptcy of themselves yesterday. The same was referred to Register Williard.

**Common Pleas Court No. 1.**

*(Before Judges Sterrett and Stowe.)*

The case of J. C. Converse trustee vs John Penney, an action on a promissory note is still on trial.

Robert Hastings vs. The city of Pittsburgh; action for injuries received in falling over an embankment on Second avenue. Verdict for plaintiff for $1,800.

Wm. F. Modes doing business as the Beaver Falls Glass Co. for use of John B. Canfield vs. J. A. Lomax; action to recover a balance on a book account. On trial before Judge Stowe.

*Trial List for To-day.*

O'Neill vs. Blackhouse et al.
Boatman's F. & M. Ins. Co. vs. Finney et al.
McClintock & Co. vs. Clayton et al.
Fricke & Co. vs. Duggleman.
Enterprise Ins. Co. vs. Cronewith.
Shafer vs. McKee.
Rafferty, president, etc. vs. Spear & Co.
Tite vs. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company.
Lohr vs Weever.
Ward, assignee, vs. Stewart.
Same vs. Little, Jr.
Same vs. Patton, Jr.
Barton & Keeney vs. Young.
McIntyre vs. Gallagher.
Lauer & Bro. vs. Hacke.
Same vs. Same.
Reiter & Co. vs. Nellis & Co.

**Common Pleas Court No. 2.**

*(Before Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.)*

Heath & Speer vs. Mrs. Sarah Barr and A. M. Barr contractor; *sci fa* on a mechanics lien. Verdict for plaintiffs for $2157 16.

Henry Lanz vs. Philip Lanton; action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $216.

James Glenn vs, Thomas Collins petitions of Frank Patterson and W. W. Crump presented to the Court in the case of Commissioners that said petitioners be allowed to intervene for part of the fund attached, and to be made parties to said suit.

Johanna O'Neal vs. Michael O'Neal; action for money deposited in the defendants hands. Verdict for plaintiff for $230,331-3.

The case of Joseph Lobman vs. Nicholas Carr, is on trial before Judge Ewing. This is an action to recover for cattle sold to a third party, it being alleged that the defendant guaranteed the payment for them. The plaintiff claims $202 20.

In the case of John Nutcher vs William Tann, previously reported, a verdict was returned for the plaintiff for $19.20.

The case of Joseph Irwin vs. West's executor is still on trial.

*Trial List for To-day.*

Ferry et ux. vs. Bryce, Walker & Co.
Staib vs. Loutitt.
Nourse vs. Augustine.
Monger vs. Burns.
McMeal vs. Exler.
Powers vs. Schott.
McClarren vs. Thornburg.
Baer vs. Schlegel.
Graham vs. Madary.
Jones trustee vs. Moorhead, Adams & Co.
Moorhead et al. vs. Allegheny city et al.

**Criminal Court.**

*(Before Judge Collier.)*

Samuel Craig pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with larceny and receiving stolen goods. The prosecutor was Henry R. Chalfant.

J. J. White was acquitted of the charge of felonious assault, preferred by Alexander King.

John Soles was acquitted on a charge of larceny, preferred by Isaac Beal.

The same party was tried on a second indictment for larceny, charged by Henry R. Chalfant, and was acquitted.

The following were disposed of in the case of John Bell, indicted for false pretenses, on oath of L. Lieberman.

The jury found a verdict of guilty in the case of Elizabeth Glenn vs. Mary Ann Bell, indicted for keeping a disorderly house, on oath of Joseph McCoy.

William Maffree, charged with the larceny of a pig was acquitted.

*Trial List for To-day.*

Commonwealth vs.

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| John H. Hartman. | Mathias Bolenberg. |
| John Hartman. | Chas. Rubicht. |
| John Smithwick. | Thos. Donghty. |
| Martin J. Grillin. | Robert Barnett. |
| Joseph Laufman. | Wm. Daws. |
| Jacob Hoffman. | Moses Hickenbottom |
| Calvin Smith. | August Geisler. |
| Fred. Heiser et al.. | Elijah Barker. |
| August Bielefelt. | Adolph J. Swanzy. |
| James McQuiston. | George Sellers. |

# OBITUARY.

**Death of Aldermau Louis Hager.**

The many friends of Capt. Louis Hager, the popular alderman of the Second ward, this city, were very much saddened to learn of his demise, which occurred